

Recognised registers

Article 3 of the General Terms and Conditions for Registrars (NL) stipulates that an applicant-registrar must provide proof of identity, in the form of a recent extract from the Trade Register, the Foundations Register, the Associations Register or a comparable register from another EU country, or any other register recognised by SIDN. (In this context 'recent' means no more than six months old.)

The following registers are recognised by SIDN:

Type of business or organisation	Register/registry/documentation
Businesses, foundations and associations	Chamber of Commerce Trade Register
Professional partnerships	Notarial deed or letter
Autonomous government agencies	A letter under the original letterhead of a government body, declaring that the organisation in question is an 'autonomous government agency' and signed by one of the following persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minister or state secretary; - a royal commissioner; - a mayor; - a lawful representative of one of the aforementioned persons.
Journalists	Dutch Society of Journalists (NVJ)
Designers/design agencies	Association of Dutch Designers (BNO)
Lawyers/law firms/law partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawyers: evidence of inclusion on the roll of the relevant court district - Law firms/law partnerships: Supervisory Board of the Netherlands Bar Association (NOvA) in the relevant court district
Bailiffs/bailiffs firms/ bailiffs partnerships	Royal Bailiffs Association (KVG)
Schools	Funding order issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture & Science
Audit accountants	Dutch Society of Audit Accountants (NOvAA)
Register accountants	Royal Dutch Institute of Register Accountants (NIVRA)
Individual health care practitioners, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - physicians - dentists - pharmacists - clinical psychologists - psychotherapists - physiotherapists - midwives - nurses 	'BIG Register' (official register of individual health care practitioners)
Social workers	Dutch Association of Social Workers (NVMW)/Social Workers' Professional Register

Tax advisers and consultants	Dutch Association of Tax Advisers (CB) Dutch Federation of Tax Advisers (FB)
Photographers	Photographers' Federation
Architects	Architects' Register Foundation (SBA) Royal Society for the Advancement of Architecture Association of Dutch Architects (BNA)
Actuaries	Society of Actuaries (AG)
Stylist-designers	Society of Stylist-Designers (VES)
Ceramicists	Dutch Association of Ceramicists (NVK)
Planners	Dutch Association of Planners (bnSP)
Arable farmers and growers	Regional Arable Farmers and Growers Organisation (GLTO)
Mediators	Dutch Mediation Institute (NMI)

Generally speaking, self-employed professionals cannot be included in the Chamber of Commerce Trade Register, because their activities are not businesses as defined in the Trade Register Act. As the above list illustrates, the foundation now recognises a number of professional associations as registry organisations; these include the Royal Bailiffs Association (KVG) for bailiffs, the Dutch Society of Audit Accountants (NOvAA) for audit accountants (AAs), the Royal Dutch Institute of Register Accountants (NIVRA) for register accountants (RAs) and the BIG Register for individual health care practitioners.

Applying for recognition

The list above includes all the registers currently recognised by SIDN. However, SIDN regularly adds to the list. Registers are added as the need arises and at the request of professional bodies; furthermore, although it does not pro-actively search for new registers, SIDN is always on the lookout for registers that might qualify for recognition. To qualify for recognition, a register must meet the following requirements:

Community/statutory organisations:

- To be included in the register maintained by the given professional association, a party must practise the profession in question (the profession must have statutory recognition and/or admission requirements must exist); the register must be evidence that the party is a practising member of the relevant profession.
- The regulations governing inclusion in the given register must provide for a complaints procedure, in the context of which parties can be struck off the register.

Government orders:

Orders issued by government-appointed supervisory boards, management boards, inspectorates, commodities boards, etc, e.g. a funding order issued to a school. The issue of such an order is accepted as evidence that the recipient meets the requirement regarding the registration of a domain name in connection with commercial or professional activities.

An organisation that wishes to be recognised by SIDN as a business registry or professional registry should write to SIDN, providing appropriate supporting information. This might include general information, the organisation's constitution/articles of association and/or internal regulations. Such an organisation should also indicate what form of register extract or other evidence it proposes members of its register should provide to SIDN as proof of registration.



On the basis of the information provided, SIDN will consider whether the requirements set out above are met. If SIDN decides that the requirements are met, it will add the organisation to the list of recognised registries.