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The number of TLDs delegated in the root zone should not increase by more than approximately five percent per month.

New gTLD applications will proceed based on the application priority order. The delegation process of a new gTLD into the root starts when the Registry Operator submits a delegation request once the new gTLD is ready. Delegation requests will be processed in a first-come-first-served order until such time as any root zone change limits are reached. However, delegation requests of other types of TLDs¹ will have precedence over delegation requests of new gTLDs.

ICANN reserves the right to change the delegation rate in case of DNS service instabilities as determined in ICANN's sole and reasonable discretion. Should such a change in the delegation rate be required, any affected applicants will be notified. Any delay on ICANN's part in a string's delegation shall not be counted against the Registry Operator's obligation to complete pre-delegation testing and procedures within the timeline as outlined in the [Base Registry Agreement].

¹ Including but not limited to: ccTLDs, IDN ccTLDs, and other TLDs not classified as generic.