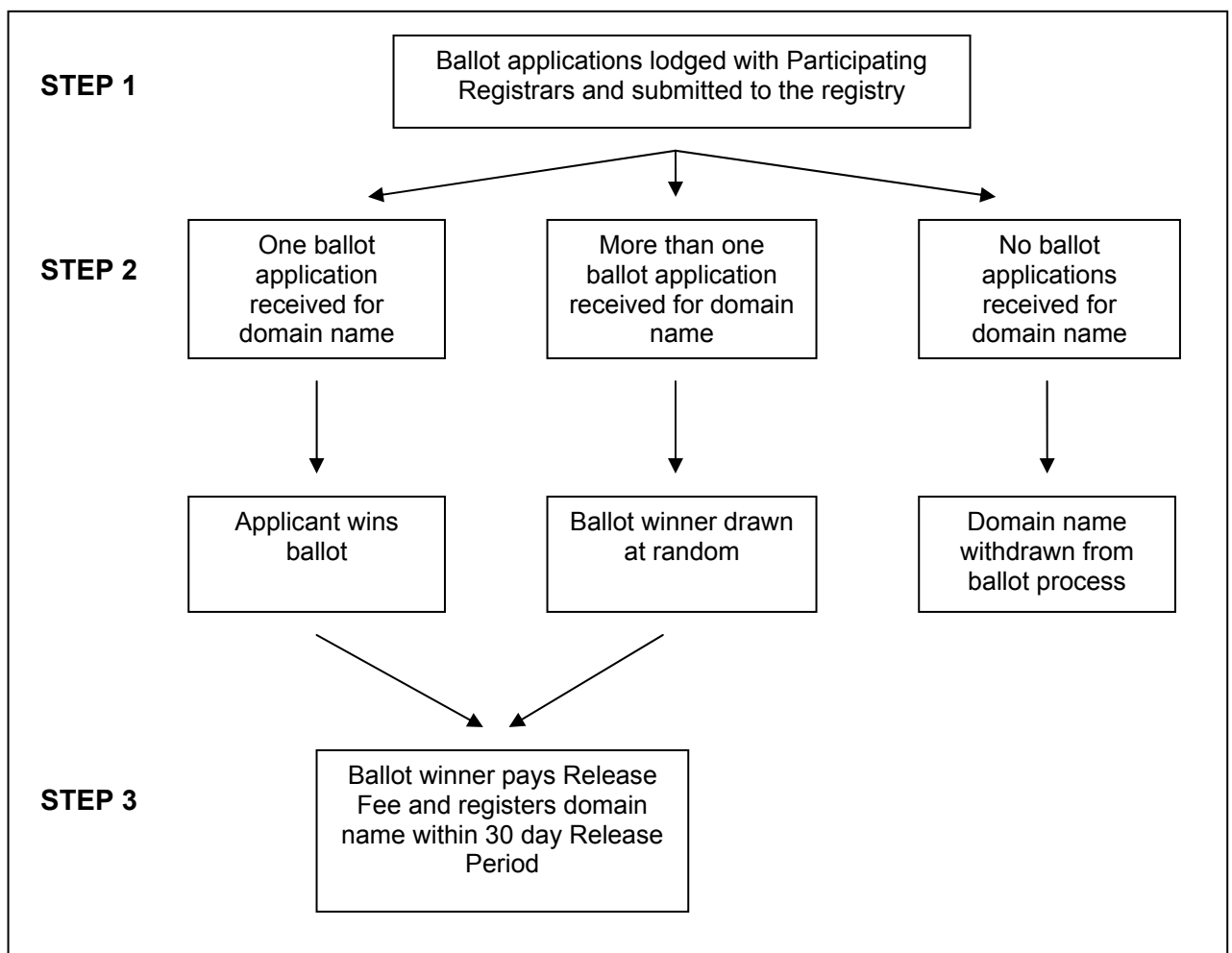


COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BALLOT

This document provides an outline of the ballot process to be used by auDA for the release of geographic domain names in com.au and net.au. For more information about the ballot, including a copy of the ballot terms and conditions, refer to the auDA website at <http://www.auda.org.au/geographics>.

How does the ballot process work?



STEP 1:

- Ballot applications may only be lodged with a Participating Registrar. Ballot applications cannot be lodged with auDA or the registry.
- The **closing date for ballot applications is 31 July 2005**. No further ballot applications will be accepted after this time.
- There is no fee for lodging a ballot application.
- Ballot applications will be checked for eligibility under the Domain Name Eligibility and Allocation Rules for the Open 2LDs (2005-01) by the relevant Participating Registrar, and ineligible ballot applications will be rejected.
- Applicants may apply for more than one domain name, but they must lodge only one ballot application per domain name. After the ballot application period has closed, all eligible ballot applications will be submitted to the registry and checked for duplication. In all cases of duplication, the relevant ballot applications will be removed and the applicant/s will be entirely excluded from the ballot for that geographic domain name.

STEP 2:

- Where only one ballot application is received for a domain name, that applicant will be the ballot winner.
- Where more than one ballot application is received for a domain name, the ballot winner will be drawn at random using an automated computer program.
- Where no ballot applications are received for a domain name, that name will be withdrawn from the ballot process and released by auDA at a later date.
- Each ballot result is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

STEP 3:

- The relevant Participating Registrar will notify the ballot winner.
- The ballot winner must pay the Release Fee (\$825 inc GST). Upon payment of the Release Fee the domain name will be released for registration.
- The Release Fee is not refundable.
- The ballot winner must register the domain name through the relevant Participating Registrar within the 30 day Release Period. Registration will be subject to the domain name licence terms and conditions offered by the Participating Registrar, and any applicable registration fees.
- If a "first round" ballot winner fails to complete Step 3, the domain name will be returned to the ballot process for a second round (refer back to Step 2). The "first round" ballot winner will not be eligible to participate in the second round.
- If a "second round" ballot winner fails to complete Step 3, the domain name will be withdrawn from the ballot process and released by auDA at a later date.