

## **Empanelment Policy for Arbitrators**

The purpose of adopting Empanelment of Arbitrators for deciding INDRP Domain dispute cases is to regulate, promote and improvise quality of Arbitration proceedings. The Empanelment Policy further defines the term and tenure of an Arbitrator's empanelment with .IN Registry for deciding for deciding INDRP Domain dispute cases. The Rules pertaining to Arbitrators' Empanelment are as follows:-

### **Rule 1**

The Eligibility criteria for becoming an Arbitrator is as follows:-

- a. An Arbitrator should be a citizen of India.
- b. An Arbitrator shall be a retired government / Public sector undertaking officer at the level of JAG (Junior Administrative Grade) or Level 7 for PSU, with no vigilance case pending or decided at the time of his or her retirement.
- c. Any Lawyer with 5 years experience.
- d. An Arbitrator shall be at least of the age of 45 years and above.

### **Rule 2**

The number of Arbitrators on NIXI Panel shall be 20.

### **Rule 3**

The Arbitrator's empanelment shall be on first come first serve basis. An Arbitrator's empanelment tenure shall be for a tenure of 2 years from the date of their appointment. After completion of 2 years, the empanelment of Arbitrator shall cease to exist. After the retirement of an Arbitrator, new INDRP Domain dispute cases will not be allocated to him/her.

**Rule 4**

Reappointment of an Arbitrator shall be considered after completion of a gap of 1 (One) year from the date of completion of their earlier empanelment. The cooling off period shall be 1 year.

**Rule 5**

An Arbitrator shall submit /furnish a statement of acceptance and declaration of impartiality and independence and abide by NIXI Code of Conduct for Arbitrators.

**Rule 6**

The Arbitrators shall be allotted the domain dispute cases by NIXI as per roster (in sequence of alphabetical order).

**Rule 7**

An Arbitrator shall deliver the Arbitration Award as per the INDRP Rules of Procedure and INDRP Policy within the time frame of statutory period of 60 days (extension of 30 days) months as mentioned in it. In case, the Award is delayed, there will be a penalty of deduction from the Arbitral fee @ 10% deduction per week after 6 months.

**Rule 8**

The hearings of the Arbitration proceedings shall take place at NIXI Office and no facility of transportation shall be provided to either Arbitrator or parties and they will have to arrange on their own.

**Rule 9**

Any termination of empanelment of an Arbitrator before the expiry of his or her tenure will be as per NIXI-CEO's order.

**Rule 10**

The instant Arbitrator Empanelment Policy is in furtherance and stimulation of the Code of Ethical Conduct for Arbitrators and not in its contradiction.

**NOTE:** Any change in the instant Policy will be subject to approval of the CEO and Chairman of the Board of NIXI.