ARIN Policies
How to Qualify for Number Resources

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Terms

- **Allocate**
  - to issue number resources to ISPs (LIRs) for internal networks and for further sub-delegation to customers
- **Assign**
  - to issue number resources to end-users for internal networks only
- **Multi-homed**
  - connectivity to more than one ISP (or peer) and the same prefix announced by at least two of them

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IPv4 – Initial Allocation to ISPs

- **Standard Policy Criteria**
  - /20 reassigned from upstream (efficiently utilized)
  - Minimum allocation is /20
  - Based on 3 month need
- **Multi-homed Policy Criteria**
  - /23 reassigned from upstream (efficiently utilized)
  - Must be multi-homed or intend to multi-home
  - Must agree to renumber
  - Minimum allocation is /22
  - Based on 3 month need

Minimum Allocation in the Caribbean Region

- Criteria
  - Applies to ISPs only
  - Minimum allocation is /22
  - Single homed orgs must have /22 reassigned from upstream and efficiently used
  - Multi-homed orgs must have /23 reassigned from upstream and efficiently used

IPv4 – Additional Allocations to ISPs

- **Criteria**
  - 80% efficient utilization of most recent allocation and 100% of all previous allocations
  - Returned space to upstream (if applicable)
  - Must show reassignment information (swip, Rwhois, spreadsheet)
  - Based on three month need (12 months if subscriber has been an ARIN member for longer than a year)

IPv4 – Initial Assignments to End-users

- ## Standard Policy Criteria
  - Show 25% utilization now and plan for 50% within 1 year
  - Based on 12 month need
  - Minimum allocation is /20
- ## Multi-homed Policy Criteria
  - Must be multi-homed or intend to multi-home
  - Show 25% utilization now and plan for 50% within 1 year
  - Based on 12 month need
  - Minimum allocation is /22

IPv4 – Additional Assignments to End-users

- ## Criteria
  - Demonstrate 80% efficient utilization of all previous assignments
  - Based on 12 month need (using 25% immediate and 50% within 1 year criteria)

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Immediate Need

- Criteria
  - Provide justification to show address space will be used within 30 days
    - **Examples of justification**
      - **S**igned customer contracts
      - Network topology plan
      - Network deployment schedule
      - Equipment receipts
      - Connectivity contracts
- /16 is largest block issued under this policy

Micro-Allocation

- Criteria
  - Must be critical Internet infrastructure provider to qualify
    - Includes public exchange points, core DNS service providers (e.g. ICANN-sanctioned root, gTLD, and ccTLD operators), RIRs, and ICANN
  - Exchange point operators must provide justification including: connection policy, location, and the ASN and contact information for at least two other participants
- Allocation size no longer than /24 (v4) or /48 (v6)

IPv6 – Initial Allocation to ISPs

- Criteria
  - Be an LIR (an ISP), and not an end site
  - Plan to provide IPv6 connectivity to organizations and route the aggregate prefix
  - Plan to make at least 200 assignments to customers within five years OR be a well known ISP in the ARIN region
- Minimum allocation is /32
  - larger allocations may be justified; based on number of existing v4 users and org's infrastructure

IPv6 – Subsequent Allocation to ISPs

- Criteria
  - ISP must achieve acceptable utilization of its allocated space; measured in terms of /56 assignments using the HD Ratio (RFC 3194) of .94
    - e.g. One /32 has 16,777,216 /56s
    - 6,183,533 /56s would have to be assigned in order to request more IP address space
- Based on 2 year need

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IPv6 Assignments to End-users

- Criteria
  - not be an IPv6 LIR; and
  - qualify for an IPv4 assignment or allocation from ARIN under the IPv4 policy currently in effect
- Initial assignment size is /48

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- Criteria
  - Be a multi-homed site (or intend to multi-home)

      OR
  - Have a unique routing policy

If You Need Assistance…

- ARIN Registration Services staff
  - Email: hostmaster@arin.net
  - Phone: 703 227-0660
- ARIN Policies (NRPM)
  - http://www.arin.net/policy/nrpm.html
- ARIN Quick Guide to Requesting Resources
  - http://www.arin.net/registration/eligibility.html

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