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## Updates to the Allocation Policy for the Border Gateway Protocol - Link State (BGP-LS) Parameters Registries

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### Abstract

RFC 7752 defines the Border Gateway Protocol - Link State (BGP-LS). IANA created a registry consistent with that document called "Border Gateway Protocol - Link State (BGP-LS) Parameters" with a number of subregistries. The allocation policy applied by IANA for those registries is "Specification Required", as defined in RFC 8126.

This document updates RFC 7752 by changing the allocation policy for all of the registries to "Expert Review" and by updating the guidance to the designated experts.

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## 1. Introduction

"North-Bound Distribution of Link-State and Traffic Engineering (TE) Information Using BGP" [RFC7752] requested IANA to create a registry called "Border Gateway Protocol - Link State (BGP-LS) Parameters" with a number of subregistries. The allocation policy applied by IANA for those registries is "Specification Required", as defined in [RFC8126].

The "Specification Required" policy requires evaluation of any assignment request by a "designated expert", and guidelines for any such experts are given in Section 5.1 of [RFC7752]. In addition, this policy requires that "the values and their meanings must be documented in a permanent and readily available public specification, in sufficient detail so that interoperability between independent implementations is possible" [RFC8126]. Further, the intention behind "permanent and readily available" is that "a document can reasonably be expected to be findable and retrievable long after IANA assignment of the requested value" [RFC8126].

Another allocation policy called "Expert Review" is defined in [RFC8126]. This policy also requires Expert Review but has no requirement for a formal document.

All reviews by designated experts are guided by advice given in the document that defined the registry and set the allocation policy.

This document updates [\[RFC7752\]](#) by changing the allocation policy for all of the registries to "Expert Review" and updating the guidance to the designated experts.

## 1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [\[RFC2119\]](#) [\[RFC8174\]](#) when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

## 2. IANA Considerations

IANA maintains a registry called "Border Gateway Protocol - Link State (BGP-LS) Parameters". This registry contains four subregistries:

- BGP-LS NLRI-Types
- BGP-LS Protocol-IDs
- BGP-LS Well-Known Instance-IDs
- BGP-LS Node Descriptor, Link Descriptor, Prefix Descriptor, and Attribute TLVs

IANA has changed the assignment policy for each of these registries to "Expert Review".

IANA has also added this document as a reference for the registries mentioned above.

### 2.1. Guidance for Designated Experts

[Section 5.1](#) of [\[RFC7752\]](#) gives guidance to designated experts. This section replaces that guidance.

In all cases of review by the designated expert described here, the designated expert is expected to check the clarity of purpose and use of the requested code points. The following points apply to the registries discussed in this document:

1. Application for a code point allocation may be made to the designated experts at any time and **MUST** be accompanied by technical documentation explaining the use of the code point. Such documentation **SHOULD** be presented in the form of an Internet-Draft but **MAY** arrive in any form that can be reviewed and exchanged amongst reviewers.
2. The designated experts **SHOULD** only consider requests that arise from Internet-Drafts that have already been accepted as working group documents or that are planned for progression as AD-Sponsored documents in the absence of a suitably chartered working group.
3. In the case of working group documents, the designated experts **MUST** check with the working group chairs that there is consensus within the working group to make the allocation at this time. In the case of AD-Sponsored documents, the designated experts **MUST** check with the AD for approval to make the allocation at this time.

4. If the document is not adopted by the IDR Working Group (or its successor), the designated expert **MUST** notify the IDR mailing list (or its successor) of the request and **MUST** provide access to the document. The designated expert **MUST** allow two weeks for any response. Any comments received **MUST** be considered by the designated expert as part of the subsequent step.
5. The designated experts **MUST** then review the assignment requests on their technical merit. The designated experts **MAY** raise issues related to the allocation request with the authors and on the IDR (or successor) mailing list for further consideration before the assignments are made.
6. The designated expert **MUST** ensure that any request for a code point does not conflict with work that is active or already published within the IETF.
7. Once the designated experts have granted approval, IANA will update the registry by marking the allocated code points with a reference to the associated document.
8. In the event that the document is a working group document or is AD Sponsored, and that document fails to progress to publication as an RFC, the working group chairs or AD **SHOULD** contact IANA to coordinate about marking the code points as deprecated. A deprecated code point is not marked as allocated for use and is not available for allocation in a future document. The WG chairs may inform IANA that a deprecated code point can be completely deallocated (i.e., made available for new allocations) at any time after it has been deprecated if there is a shortage of unallocated code points in the registry.

### 3. Security Considerations

The security considerations described in [Section 8](#) of [RFC7752] still apply.

Note that the change to the Expert Review guidelines makes the registry and the designated experts slightly more vulnerable to denial-of-service attacks through excessive and bogus requests for code points. It is expected that the registry cannot be effectively attacked because the designated experts would, themselves, fall to any such attack first. Designated experts are expected to report to the IDR Working Group chairs and responsible Area Director if they believe an attack to be in progress and should immediately halt all requests for allocation. This may temporarily block all legitimate requests until mitigations have been put in place.

### 4. Normative References

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