



Recommended Draft Policy

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Change Section 9 Out Of Region Use Minimum Criteria

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Problem Statement

Current Text (20 August 2026)

Section 9 of the NRPM, Out of Region Use, requires organizations to use at least a /22 in the ARIN region before they can justify out of region use. This harms smaller organizations that have less than a /22 in region but do require some out of region use.

Policy Statement



Modify the following text in Section 9:

FROM:

IPv4: At least a /22 used in region.

TO:

IPv4: At least a /24 used in region.

Out-of-Region Usage Justification may not be used to receive IPv4 address space from the ARIN Waiting List (4.1.8), the Micro-allocation Pool (4.4), or the Dedicated IPv4 Block to Facilitate IPv6 Deployment (4.10).

Any organization already on the Waiting List at the time this policy is implemented will be exempted and shall remain eligible under the rules in effect at the time of its placement on the Waiting List.

Policy Statement Continued



RESULT:

Out of region use of ARIN registered resources are valid justification for additional number resources, provided that the applicant has a real and substantial connection with the ARIN region which applicant must prove (as described below) and is using the same type of resources (with a delegation lineage back to an ARIN allocation or assignment) within the ARIN service region as follows:

IPv4: At least a /24 used in region

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IPv6: At least a /44 used in region ASN: At least one ASN present on one or more peering sessions and/or routers within the region

Statement of Conformance



AC Assessment of Conformance with the Principles of Internet Number Resource Policy

- Policy was found to be fair, impartial, and technically sound.
- Seeks to remove some perceived usage minimums, particularly to the benefit of smaller operators within the ARIN service region, by reducing the required minimum space threshold to qualify for allowing use of ARIN IPv4 resources outside of the ARIN region.
- Generally supported overwhelmingly by the community, although some community members have expressed some concerns regarding the restrictions being imposed which seek to prevent attempts to bypass, manipulate, or exploit unintended gaps in this policy to limit potential abuse.

History

Action	Date
Proposal	13 February 2025
Draft Policy	25 March 2025
Revised	20 August 2026
Recommended Draft Policy	22 September 2026

Staff and Legal Review

(11 September 2026)

NRPM Section 9, Out of Region Use, for IPv4 addresses requires that to justify out-of-region use, an organization must utilize at least a /22 within the ARIN region before additional resources may be approved for use outside the region.

Section 9 applies to IPv4 address requests in conjunction with section 4 "IPv4", section 8.3 "Transfers Between Specified Recipients Within the ARIN Region", and section 8.4 "Inter-RIR Transfers to Specified Recipients".

This section does not apply to section 4.4 or 4.10 space, these sections have their own restrictions.

Staff and Legal Review

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(11 September 2026)

Draft Policy 2025-3 proposes reducing the in-region IPv4 utilization threshold from a /22 (or equivalent) to a single /24. Under this change, an organization would need to demonstrate use of only one /24 within the ARIN region to justify receiving additional ARIN-issued IPv4 resources for use outside the ARIN region.

Neither the current policy text nor this draft policy establishes any maximum on the amount of IPv4 space that may be justified to be used outside the ARIN region, so long as at least a single /24 is utilized within the ARIN region, meaning a single in-region /24 could, in practice, unlock requests for substantially larger blocks for deployment entirely outside the ARIN region.

Staff and Legal Review

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Staff further understands that the policy would add explicit text providing that out-of-region usage may not be used as justification to receive IPv4 address space from the ARIN Waiting List (Section 4.1.8), the Micro-allocation Pool (section 4.4), or the Dedicated IPv4 Block to Facilitate IPv6 Deployment (Section 4.10).

Organizations that are already on the Waiting List when the policy is implemented would remain eligible under the rules in effect when they were placed on the Waiting List.

This draft policy does not modify the current Section 9 threshold for Autonomous System Number and IPv6 usage.

Staff and Legal Review

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Implementable as Written?: Yes

Impact on ARIN Registry Operations and Services: None

Legal Review: No material legal issues

Implementation Timeframe Estimate: 3 months

Implementation Requirements:

- Staff Training
- Updates to public documentation
- Updates to internal procedures and guidelines

Proposal/Draft Policy Text Assessed: 20 August 2026

Policy Impact

Upon adoption, this policy lowers the minimum IPv4 utilization threshold within the ARIN region required for organizations to qualify to deploy ARIN-assigned IPv4 resources outside the ARIN region from /22 to /24.

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Out-of-Region Usage may not be used as justification to receive (*additional*) IPv4 address space from the ARIN Waiting List (4.1.8)

Community Feedback

This draft policy aims to reduce the harm to organizations that wish to use address space outside of the ARIN region, without currently having a /22 used within the region. I agree that this is a problem needing to be addressed.

The stated purpose is to reduce the burden on smaller ARIN members for out-of-region justification of new address space by reducing the justification requirement....

This change, I support, as I believe that requiring small organizations to acquire a /22 of address space through some means before they may request out-of-region space is impractical.

Community Feedback

This part of the draft policy

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has nothing to do with the stated goal and represents a fundamental change to ARIN's allocation policy, not an adjustment to the minimum criteria for NRPM section 9 per the title and stated goal of the draft policy. This should not be added as an amendment to a policy.

Community Feedback

I cannot agree with the above because it fails to align with the problem statement provided for the initial proposal, ...may actually do more harm than good.

...Also, the portion that blanketly prohibits out-of-region usage justifications for the ARIN Waiting List (section 4.1.8) has massive implications.

This specific modification as written..... would restrict obtaining resources for out-of-region use only through a Section 8 transfer. As such, this modification has no relation to the initial problem statement and should be made as part of its own proposal under the specific NRPM sections to which it applies...

Community Feedback

....proposal also makes the unprecedented change of restricting waitlist eligibility on the basis of the *intended use* of the addresses requested.

Historically, ...waitlist requests has been based on who the applicant is or what resources they already hold, not on the purpose of the requested addresses, or how that organization may choose to utilize them within their infrastructure.

I cannot support the amended version due to the harm it would directly cause to small business network operators like myself....

Community Feedback

The language of this policy proposal is speaking only to the criteria to justify **qualifying** for sections 4.1.8, 4.4, and 4.10. This language will not add restrictions to how you can utilize the space.

This is the actual impact of the policy change.... I think this would be a clearer way of framing the policy (*in Section 4.2.4.1*):

Orgs must have efficiently utilized all allocations, in aggregate, to at least 80% ***inside the ARIN service region*** and at least 50% of every allocation in order to receive additional space.

Questions for the Community

Are you in favor of this policy, as written?

Make sure to raise your hands high and
keep them up for our counters in the room

