

# Is it possible to point an MX record to an Alias ( CNAME )?

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As stated in the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) RFCs (Request for Change), it is not permitted to point an MX record to an alias/ CNAME.

Go to <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0974.txt> for more information on Mail Routing and Domain system RFC.

Example: the following DNS records are not correct:

foo.example.com. A 192.168.0.10

mail.example.com. CNAME foo.example.com.

example.com. MX 10 mail.example.com. ; **WRONG: "mail" is already a CNAME**

However, you can solve the problem by creating a second A record for *mail.example.com* and by referring to the IP address of your incoming mail server:

foo.example.com. A 192.168.0.10

mail.example.com. A 192.168.0.10

example.com. MX 10 mail.example.com. ; **OK**

Click [here](#) for more information on the creation of A/MX records.

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