

14 Domains API: How to transfer a domain

This is a series of articles dedicated to demonstrating how to get acquainted with Openprovider Domains API methods.

*This is a first article in a series in which we are going to cover **incoming domain transfer**. To get more information about our API in general, please use our [documentation portal](#) as your reference.*

Domain transfer is a procedure of changing the current registrar of a domain name.

Once a transfer has been made, Openprovider will maintain all relevant information regarding the domain and its owner.

Before starting a transfer, please make sure you have the approval of the owner of the domain name and that the current registrar is aware of your desire to transfer that object.

↓ Use endpoint path below. Base URL is determined by both the target environment and API version.

POST [{base_url}](#)/domains/transfer

REQUEST VALUES

Name	Type	Description
name	string	Required.
period	integer	Required.
auth_code	varchar	Optional.
owner_handle	varchar	Required.
admin_handle	varchar	Required.
tech_handle	varchar	Required.
billing_handle	varchar	Optional.
reseller_handle	varchar	Optional.
ns_group	string	Required.

ns_template_name	string	Optional. Name of the template to use to automatically create DNS zone for the domain; only applicable if nsGroup is <i>dns-openprovider</i>
name_servers	dot separated integer	Required if only if nsGroup field is empty
autorenew	custom	<i>on off default</i>
is_dnssec_enabled	boolean	false (default) or true - Only accepted when nameservers of Openprovider are used
dnssec_keys	varchar	when using your own nameservers
use_domicile	boolean	false (default) or true
accept_premium_fee	int or double	Required in case when domain is premium, value is the price returned in the response for createDomainRequest without acceptPremiumFee
is_private_whois_enabled	boolean	false (default) or true
promo_code	string	
comments	string	Optional. Domain comments/notes
additional_data	custom	mandatory for some TLDs
application_mode	custom	required for new gTLDs
import_contacts_from_registry	boolean	Optional. Default value: false. Available for .nl and .ie transfers to import domain contacts from registry.
import_nameservers_from_registry	boolean	Optional. Default value: false. Available for .nl and .ie transfers to import nameservers from registry.

REQUEST EXAMPLE

```
curl -X POST \
  https://api.openprovider.eu/v1beta/domains/transfer \
  -H 'Authorization: ,Bearer 2f4c1c3a9*****15d22b378a64' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \

  -d '{
    "admin_handle": "XX123456-XX",
    "auth_code": "gX38tslFG2#%F%1",
    "autorenew": "default",
    "domain": {
```

```
"extension": "com",
"name": "domain",
},
"ns_group": "dns-openprovider",
"owner_handle": "RB919364-BE",
"period": 1,
"promo_code": "",
"tech_handle": "XX123456-XX",
}
```

RESPONSE EXAMPLE

```
{
  "code": 0,
  "data": {
    "auth_code": "Z79*****sTaH",
    "expiration_date": "2020-03-31 23:59:59",
    "renewal_date": "2020-03-29 23:59:59",
    "status": "ACT",
  },
  "desc": ""
}
```

RESPONSE VALUES

Name	Type	Description
expiration_date	timestamp	available only in case of a successful realtime domain transfer
expiration_date_openprovider	timestamp	available only in case of a successful realtime domain transfer

The 0 code that we received indicates that the domain object has been successfully created in Openprovider's database.

Afterwards, the transfer will be initiated at the registry level and the domain will be put in "pendingTransfer" status. The previous registrar should release the domain within up to 5-7 days. Unless they take any actions to prevent the transfer, it will be approved automatically.

Check the TLD documentation for the domain in question in order to see what the procedures are. Our documentation also tells you how long a transfer can take. This can range from near an instant to over a month.

When the procedure is over, you will receive a corresponding notification to the email address associated with your Openprovider account. Depending on a TLD, the domain will be renewed for one year and its status will automatically be set to 'clientTransferProhibited' ("Lock domain" will be

enabled).

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