

.au

This article describes the procedures and requirements of .au domain names.

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Registration

- *The procedure of registering a Second Level .AU domain can be found [here](#).*
- Local address of the domain owner is required.
- Local address of the domain administrative contract is required.
- A copy of the commercial license (companies) or a copy of an Identity Card (individuals) is required.
- A copy of trademark documentation is required.
- Companies can only register .com.au, .net.au domains
- Private individuals can only register id.au domains
- Please refer to the [table](#) for all combinations of Domain Relationtype and .AU Zone allowed

The following legal details are required to continue register a *.au domain:

- Eligibility ID (usually ABN/ACN)
- Eligibility ID type (ABN or ACN)
- Eligibility name (company name)
- Eligibility Type ABN/ID and eligibility name must match. This can be validated/checked through an ABN checker like <http://abr.business.gov.au/>.
 - Company
 - Partnership (An Australian partnership or sole trader.)
 - Pending TM Owner (An applicant for an Australian Registered Trademark.)
 - Registered Business
 - Sole Trader
 - Trademark Owner (The owner of an Australian Registered Trademark.)
- Eligibility relationship
 - The name exactly matches the acronym or abbreviation of the registrant's company or trading name, organization or association name, or trademark.
 - The name is connected closely and substantially to the registrant.

The owner, administrative and technical contact must match the [Australian Presence Requirements](#).

Transfer

- Successful domain transfer via [RCP](#) or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#) requires:
 - Authorization code
 - Please note that you need a signed request from the registrant **before** you initiate the transfer. A sample is given below.
 - Initiate the transfer on time and not just shortly before the domain expires.
 - To be eligible to hold any name in the .au ccTLD you must first meet the Australian Presence requirement
 - Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group

The transfer request is confirmed by FoA email and will be processed after confirmation

Note: Please see **Detailed extension information** section to see all restrictions.

Following is a sample signed request that needs to be obtained **before** transfer:

Subject: Domain Transfer Authorization

I, [Full Name], in my role as [Job Title] at ABCD COMPANY (ABN: 1111111111), the registrant of the domain xyz.au, hereby authorize the transfer of this domain to Openprovider.

I confirm that I am authorized to act on behalf of the registrant and approve this transfer request.

Signed:

[Signature]

[Full Name]

[Job Title]

[Date]

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode,email
Registration period after transfer	unchanged
Average transfer time	Max 30 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .au domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

A change of ownership is not supported.

Other update

The change of an email address linked to a contact handle is not supported.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

explicit delete - not supported

Restore / reactivate

The domain can be renewed for 30 days after its expiration.

Detailed extension information

Registry

- Registry: [auDA](#)
- Registry whois: whois.auda.org.au
- Registry web based whois:
<https://whois.auda.org.au/>
- Registry zonefile updates: Several times a day

Technical information	• Available second level domains: .com.au, .net.au, .org.au, .info.au, .id.au, .asn.au • DNSSEC support: yes • Minimum length: 2 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Letters and numbers • Hyphens ("-"), however not at the beginning or directly in front of the TLD • Registration period: 1-5 years • Renewal date offset: 3 days <i>The number of days before the registry's expiration date, that Openprovider requires the domain to be renewed or expired. More info.</i> • Soft quarantine period: n/a days <i>During this period, following after an expiration, the domain can be restored for free. This period does not apply if the domain is deleted explicitly. More info.</i> • Quarantine period: 0 days <i>During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.</i>
Restrictions	• Local presence required? yes • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? no • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • Local address of the domain owner is required. • Local address of the domain administrator is required. • International holders of a trademark valid in Australia are eligible as well. • Company number (companies) or Identity Card number (individuals) is required. • The e-mail address of the owner must be that of the owner himself and not that of the reseller or registrar.
Policies	• Rules & Policies • Dispute Resolution Policy

Registration agreement

The registry requires that a registration agreement is in place between the provider and the domain holder. The text of this registration agreement and any required supplements is the following:

- [General registration agreement](#)

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