

.cat

This article describes the procedures and requirements of .cat domain names.
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Registration

Successful domain registration via [RCP](#) or [API](#) requires:

- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group
- registrant [e-mail address verification](#) applies

Registration of 1- and 2-character domain names is possible as well. The fee for such short domain names is €469 per year. Please contact our support department if you are interested.

Transfer

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode
Registration period after transfer	extends
Average transfer time	Max 6 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .cat domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

- **Trade** - via RCP or API, by updating the owner handle
- **Confirmation** - via email to losing and gaining domain owners

Other update

- **Domain updates** - via RCP or API. Processed real-time

Deletion / Restore

Delete

- **Delete** - via RCP or API
- **Domains, deleted explicitly** - locked in [hard quarantine](#) 28 days after deletion
- **Expired domains** - locked in [soft quarantine](#) for 44 days. If not restored - locked in [hard quarantine](#) 28 more days

Restore / reactivate

- **Restore** - via [RCP](#) or [API](#) within 72 days after delete

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: Associació puntCAT • Registry whois: whois.cat • Registry web based whois: https://whois.cat/ • Registry zonefile updates: Unknown
Domain lifecycle	[External embedded content: https://www.openprovider.com/domain-lifecycle/domains.php?ext=cat]

Technical information	• DNSSEC support: yes • Minimum length: 3 characters • Maximum length: 62 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: Some (à; ç; è é; í; ï; l·l; ò; ó; ú; ü) • Registration period: 1-10 years • Renewal date offset: 0 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: 44 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: 28 days <i>During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.</i>
Restrictions	• Local presence required? no • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? no • Local activity required? yes • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • Within 6 months after registration, site content must include Catalan as one of the languages available.
Policies	
Registration agreement	<i>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:</i> • General registration agreement

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