

.ch

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

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

- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group. Nameservers must be configured and return an authoritative answer before the domain is requested.
- Valid / real registrant details*. Fake details may lead to revoking of the domain by the registry.

* If the Registry has reasons to believe the details are not valid, they will contact the registrant, with further instructions. (This is not communicated to the registrar / reseller)

If the registrant fails to verify his details or does not respond, the registry will revoke the domain. In those cases, a domain can **not** be restored, reactivated and can not be refunded.

*Though a local presence is not required, the Swiss authority may demand a valid address for correspondence in Switzerland in special cases. The rule is applicable to all .ch domains with foreign holders, but is only applied on domain names respectively registrants which are suspected to partake in cybercrime, fraudulent activities or other misuse.

If the registrant cannot provide such address, the domain may be revoked. No refunds or restores are possible in these cases. [Check 2.6 requirement](#) & [registry cases](#).

Registration is realtime.

Note: In case a domain is presented as a "reserved domain", please contact the [.ch Registry](#) to get registration approval.

Transfer

Successful domain transfer via [RCP](#) or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#) requires:

- authorisation code
- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group

Additional notes on a .ch transfer

- The registry locks a domain for transfers for the first 60 days after the previous transfer.
Upon request, the registry can remove this lock.
- The registry will not send an e-mail to the domain contacts after the transfer finishes.

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

Update

Owner change (trade)

- requested as a normal domain update via RCP or or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- processed realtime

Other update

- requested via RCP or or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- processed realtime

Delete

- requested via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- processed realtime
- will result in a quarantine period

Restore / reactivate

- restore / reactivation supported via [RCP](#) or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- quarantine period can be found under

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Detailed extension information

Registry

- Registry: [Switch](#)
- Registry whois: whois.nic.ch
- Registry web based whois:
<https://www.nic.ch/whois/>
- Registry zonefile updates: 2 times a day

Technical information	• DNSSEC support: yes • Minimum length: 3 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: yes • Registration period: 1 year • 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> <i>Note that the dates as shown in your Openprovider account are always leading, even if they do not match the renewal date offset mentioned here.</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: 40 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? n/a • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? yes • The Domain(s) can be registered without further limitations. • Nameservers must be configured and return an authoritative answer before the domain is requested. • Though a local presence is not required, the Swiss authority may demand a valid address for correspondence in Switzerland in special cases. If the registrant cannot provide such address, the domain may be revoked. No refunds are possible in these cases. Check 2.6 requirement & and registry cases. The rule is applicable to all .ch domains with foreign holders, but is only applied on domain names respectively registrants which partake in cybercrime, fraudulent activities or other misuse.

Policies	• All policies on the registry's website • Premium policy: no premiums supported • Acceptable Use Policy • General Terms and Conditions of SWITCH
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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