

.coop

This article describes the procedures and requirements of .coop 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*

Each new registration will be verified by the registry. This verification normally takes up to a few days and the registry may contact the registrant directly ask for additional supporting documentation to verify the registrant's eligibility. Such documentation must be provided within two days. Further information about the verification process is available at the [website of the registry](#).

* ICANN contact verification email is sent from an alternative email address - **noreply@emailverification.info**

This verification is not processed by Openprovider, but its' partner. Therefore the verification status in Openprovider panel does not apply.

Transfer

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

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

During the transfer period which can take 6 days, the current provider or the owner can reject to the transfer.

The registration period after a successful transfer will [extend with 1 year](#), unless the transfer is ordered within the domain's auto-renew grace period at the previous registrar.

Problems transferring your domain?

Please take a look at this [extended article](#) for possible solutions.

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode,email
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 .coop domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

- requested as a normal domain update via RCP or [API](#)
- processed realtime
- both previous and new registrant will receive an e-mail. This is a notification only, no action is required.
- registrant [e-mail address verification](#) applies*

* ICANN contactverification email is sent from an alternative emailaddress - noreply@emailverification.info

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Other update

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

If as part of the update the domain owner's e-mail address changes, we're obliged to start a [contact verification process](#) if this new e-mail address was not verified before.

Delete

Explicit delete

- Requested via RCP or [API](#)
- processed realtime
- will directly result in quarantine (redemption period) (**no** soft quarantine applies)

Expiration

Expired domains will follow the same process as explicitly deleted domains. Soft quarantine does not apply.

Restore / reactivate

- restore / reactivation supported via [RCP](#) or [API](#)
- quarantine periods can be found under
Detailed extension information > Technical information > Quarantine period
- After quarantine, 5 days *PendingDelete* period (restore **not** possible)

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: DotCooperation LLC • Registry whois: whois.nic.coop • Registry web based whois: http://www.nic.coop/whois/ • Registry zonefile updates: Realtime
Domain lifecycle	[External embedded content: https://www.openprovider.com/domain-lifecycle/domains.php?ext=coop]

Technical information

- DNSSEC support: yes
- Minimum length: 3 characters
- Maximum length: 63 characters
- Allowed characters: a-z, 0-9, -
- IDN characters: yes
- Registration period: 2 years
- Renewal date offset: 0 days

The number of days before the registry's expiration date, that Openprovider requires the domain to be renewed or expired. [More info](#).

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.

- Soft quarantine period: n/a days
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](#).
- Quarantine period: 28 days
During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.

Restrictions	• Local presence required? no • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? n/a • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • Only cooperatives, cooperative service organizations and subsidiaries of cooperatives will be eligible to use the .coop domain name. It is the responsibility of dotCoop to ensure that organizations that register .coop names meet the .coop TLD Eligibility Criteria as noted below. To be approved to register and use a .coop domain name, an applicant must qualify under at least one of the following criteria: Members of the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) if otherwise eligible; Members of the International Cooperative Alliance(ICA) if otherwise eligible; Organizations formed as and/or considered cooperatives under applicable local law; Associations comprised of cooperatives; Organizations that are committed to the seven cooperative principles; Organizations that are majority controlled by cooperatives; Entities whose operations are principally dedicated to serving cooperatives.
Policies	• All policies on the registry's website • Premium policy: no information available • Verification Policy
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

Due to the regular changes in registry rules and configuration or missing information from registry side, and despite our effort to keep our knowledge base up-to-date, information in the knowledge base may be outdated or incorrect. If you encounter some issue, please report it through the "HotJar" feedback collector on the bottom right, or (if it is blocked by your browser) by clicking the "Submit a request" link below. No rights can be derived from the information in this knowledge base. If there is discrepancy between the knowledge base and the process in Openprovider, the process in Openprovider is leading.

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