



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

The domain registration needs to be manually requested by us and requires:

- Local domain owner required (office/residence).
- Copy of commercial license (companies) or copy of Identity Card (natural persons).

Below are the further rules that need to be checked before sending the request to us:

- Nameservers must be configured and return an authoritative answer before the domain is requested.
- A natural person must be at least 18 years of age
- Limited number of domains per registrant (10 for legal entities; 1 for natural persons).
- The domain name should not contain any obscene words and names incorporating foul language or names that do not comply with the Laws of Cyprus
- The domain name may not relate to politicians or political or historical activities or for which permission is required from a competent Cyprus Authority unless and except such permission is given and proven to the registry
- The domain name may not be a generic, sectoral or a fundamental name that identifies a branch, group, activity, professional, or business sector. Registering such a name could unfairly imply certain or exclusive rights appertaining to it.
- Geographic names which identify geographical locations as they are found on official maps can be issued only to the relevant local authority.

Transfer

- **Transfer** - process is manual, request should be submitted to [Openprovider support](#)
- **Transfer application form completion** is required. Form sent back via email in response to transfer request

Authorization code required	no
Method of confirmation	forms

Registration period after transfer	extends
Average transfer time	Not realtime
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .cy domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

- **Trade** - not free of cost. The only qualifying reasons are:
 - For persons: the right of succession
 - For companies: collaboration, consolidation, or other similar reasons
- If the above conditions are met - can be requested via [Openprovider support](#)

Other update

- requested via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- An update is not free of charge and might take 2-5 days to complete.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

A domain can only be explicitly deleted if the registrant sends us a signed request on letterhead paper.

Restore / reactivate

- Restore is not possible.

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: University of Cyprus • Registry whois: registry.nic.cy • Registry web based whois: https://registry.nic.cy/cy-ui/home • Registry zonefile updates: Daily every 3 hours from 00:00 (03:00, 06:00 etc.)
Technical information	• DNSSEC support: no • Minimum Character Length: 3 • Maximum Character Length: 63 • Allowed characters: a-z, 0-9 and symbol (-). Symbol (-) cannot appear at the beginning nor at the end of the Domain Name. • Registration period: 1 year • Renewal date offset: 35 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? no • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? no • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? yes
Policies	• Registration Rules • Premium policy: no premiums supported
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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