

Expiration date after successful domain transfer

Question:

What happens with the expiration date after a successful domain transfer?

Answer:

This depends on the domain name extension which is transferred to Openprovider. In the Knowledge Base for each extension this information is available under the transfer tab, under the tag: "Registration period after transfer".

There are **3 options** what can happen with the **expiration date**:

- The expiration date **does not change** (it remains **unchanged**). Normally this indicates a **free** transfer. The first payment which will be applied is the moment of domain renewal. If the incoming transfer of a domain was shortly before its expiration date, be aware of this renewal, which can be due in just a couple of days.
Examples: .uk, .nl, .es and .se.
- The expiration date **extends with a year**. In other words: the domain transfer comes with a renewal. These transactions are charged immediately, but the next renewal is at least a year in the future, and sometimes even longer for a multi-year registration.
Examples: .eu, .fr and all the gTLDs (.com, .net, .org etc).
- And then there are registries that **start counting from 'now' again** (also referred to as "**restarts**"). The new expiration date is one year after the transfer date. In this scenario there is an option to loose a registration period if the transfer was shortly after the registration or renewal date of a domain.
Examples: .de and .be