

.gov.ng

This article describes the procedures and requirements of .gov.ng domain names. Click on the subject below to open the dropdown for more information.

Registration

Registration is not real time, and is a manual process.

To register a .gov.ng, you have to send us a scanned letter on the letterhead of the ministry or state government parastatal that plans to register the domain name to us. The letter must contain the domain name to be registered (confirm that the domain of choice meets all criteria by sending a mail to us with the proposed domain name before preparing this letter) and the name of the person authorized to register the domain. This authorized person must be working at the ministry and the following details should be stated in the letter:

Full name of the authorized person:

Designation:

Email address:

Phone number:

Contact address:

Once this has been sent, your request will be vetted at NITDA they would proceed to confirm that your request is genuine. Once they confirm and approved, we will submit this on our system for you and It should take about 1 week for your domain to be registered and activated.

Transfer

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

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

Alternatively, the gaining registrar can initiate a transfer request without an auth. code and the losing registrar will have to approve the request.

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

Update

Owner change (trade)

For all updates - An authorization letter containing the information to be updated should be provided. The authorization letter should be signed by the most senior officer and must include the contact phone number for verification.

Other update

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Deletion / Restore

Delete

- Requested via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- Processed realtime

Restore / reactivate

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: NIRA • Registry whois: whois.nic.net.ng • Registry web based whois: http://whois.nic.net.ng/whois.jsp • Registry zonefile updates: 5 - 10 days
Domain lifecycle	[External embedded content: https://www.openprovider.com/domain-lifecycle/domains.php?ext=gov.ng]
Technical information	• DNSSEC support: no • Minimum length: 3 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: no • 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? n/a • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no
Policies	
Registration agreement	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: • General registration agreement

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