

How to transfer a *.uk domain

Question

What is the correct procedure to transfer a *.uk domain in?

Answer

A transfer of a .uk domain is initiated like any other transfer and can take up to 45 days, depending on the cooperation of the current provider. Below are the general steps to transfer a .co.uk domain:

1. Request the transfer in your RCP. Without an active incoming transfer request, our system **will not** accept the incoming transfer, but directly **reject** the "handshake"!
2. Contact your current provider and request to change the so-called IPStag of the domain to **REGISTRAR-EU**
3. Once the current provider has changed the IPS tag of the domain the transfer will be completed.

Please note the following:

- If no registrar is shown in the whois, the domain is *detagged*. In that case the owner can change the IPS tag himself. More information can be found on Nominet's [website](#).
- After a transfer, the expiration date remains unchanged. The transfer will be free of charge, but take care of a possible quick renewal.
- Any company you are transferring from may charge you a transfer/release fee. If it's more than £12 then it's cheaper to go straight to [nominet.uk](#) and get them to do it for you. To help lighten this unnecessary fee, Openprovider charges no fees for UK domain transfers (nor do we charge should you wish to transfer a domain from us).
- Sometimes, a tag change is denied without obvious reason. In most cases, such a domain name may be subject to an active dispute resolution case. Please contact the domain registrant for more information, as we cannot see so.
- If multiple domains are being transferred, Nominet combines them in a batch according to their criteria. If IPS tag change fails for one domain in a batch (e.g. a domain was not requested in RCP), the whole batch will fail.

- If the domain name has a transfer lock applied (clientTransferProhibited), the current registrar cannot change the IPS tag. However, the domain holder can do so himself through the [Online Services](#) panel of Nominet.
 - Tags are case sensitive, see [here](#) the list with all Tags from all registrars.
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