



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

Please note : The registration is not realtime, it takes atleast 3 working days.

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

- Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group.
- Individuals who are not resident in the island of Ireland and do not hold citizenship in the island of Ireland cannot register a .ie domain.
- As per the registry policy, a registrant must appoint one or more named individuals as administrative contacts, which will act as the registrant's nominated representative(s). That means the Registrant and Admin contact can not be the same.
- After the registration is requested, a proof of business relationship is requested.
- Commercial licence (companies) or copy of an Identity Card (individuals) is required.
- Both documents need to be send to our Support team at support@openprovider.com.
- The [document](#) contains the valid state/province codes that you must use to register a .ie domain (only required if the registrant is from Canada, the United States, Ireland or the United Kingdom).

NB: A proof of business relationship can be a business register extract for an office registered in Ireland, an invoice sent to an Irish customer or simply another .ie domain name of the same holder. Find a full overview of accepted proofs in section 3.1.3.1 of the [Registrant Terms and Conditions](#).

Irish Charity Domains

- .IE Registry waives registration and renewal fees for all charities registered in Ireland Charity Policy for .IE can be found [here](#).
- Charities that register .ie domains with Openprovider can [contact](#) our Support team after successful registration and a refund will be processed for the registration and renewal fees.

Transfer

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

- Authorization code
- Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group.
- Document to verify the applicant's connection with the Island of Ireland and company's commercial identity.

NB: If the domain holder changes during the transfer, please send us a Chamber of Commerce document (KvK document) for this order to support@openprovider.com.

If the domain name will be different from the company name, a trademark will be required or the registrant may have a product with this name.

A written statement and explanation of this connection is also acceptable.

Please send these documents to our Support Team support@openprovider.com.

Additional notes on a .ie transfer

- The authorisation code is valid for 14 days

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode
Registration period after transfer	restarts
Average transfer time	72 hours
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .ie domains is available.

Outgoing transfer

The transfer code can not be requested via the Control Panel or API.

Please contact the support department in case you would like to receive a transfer code from a domain which is active in your account. (Can only be requested by resellers, not directly by

registrants)

The code must be manually requested by us at the registry, which might take 1 or 2 working days.

Update

Owner change (trade)

The trade of a .ie domain need to be requested by email to support@openprovider.com.

- Contact handle required.
- Two or more nameservers required.

Other update

- Requested via RCP or [API](#)
- Processed realtime.
- DNS update is not immediate, take up to 6-12 hours to complete.

NB: TLD is not 100% automated and NS update can take more time, which can also be more than 2 days. Please taking in mind weekends and public holidays.

If the system returns the follow error message, "**Domain update failed: E0102, Domain could not be updated., Identical task is already being processed**" error after NS update try, then please contact [Openprovider support](#) to complete request.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

- Requested via RCP or [API](#)
- A signed fax (or email) on headed paper from the current Administrative Contact must be send to support@openprovider.com, confirming that they authorize the cancellation of the domain name.

Restore / reactivate

- Restore / reactivation supported via [RCP](#) or [API](#)
- After delete or suspension of the domain the domain will be restorable for 30 days.
- After deletion the domain name is removed from the .IE database and becomes available to the general public for re-registration on a first come first served basis.

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: IE Domain Registry • Registry whois: whois.weare.ie • Registry web based whois: https://www.weare.ie/find-or-change-your-registrar/ • Registry zonefile updates: Every 2 hours, on the odd hour
Technical information	• DNSSEC support: no • Minimum length: 2 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: á, é, í, ó, ú • 2-letter domains should contain at least 1 number • Registration period: 1 year • Renewal date offset: 0 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> <i>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.</i> • Soft quarantine period: 45 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: 30 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? yes • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • A copy of the commercial license (companies) or a copy of an Identity Card (individuals) is required. • Proof of a business relationship is required for example an invoice to a customer in this country.
Policies	• All policies on the registry's website • Premium policy: no premiums supported • Registration and Naming Policy • Registrant Terms and Conditions
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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