

# .in

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

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

- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group

### Important:

- This TLD has strict contact verification requirements. You MUST provide verifiable contact information, or your domain may be suspended or deleted by the registry without warning or refund.
- Adjusting contact details later will be a complex process due to slow/lack of responses from registry side.
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### NOTE:

To ensure registrant authenticity and communication reliability, the .IN registry now prohibits the use of disposable, temporary, or encrypted email services. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Guerrilla Mail – guerrillamail.com
2. 10 Minute Mail – 10minutemail.com
3. Temp Mail – temp-mail.org
4. Mailinator – mailinator.com
5. EmailOnDeck – emailondeck.com
6. ProtonMail – proton.me
7. Tutanota – tutanota.com
8. Mailfence – mailfence.com

9. Hushmail – hushmail.com
10. StartMail – startmail.com

Hence effective Jan 14, 2026, we are introducing stricter validations to block the creation or update of contact handles using any of the above or similar email services.

## Transfer

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

- authorisation code
- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group
- **Transfer not allowed less than 60 days** after domain registration

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| <b>Authorization code required</b>             | yes                                                                                                             |
| <b>Method of confirmation</b>                  | authcode                                                                                                        |
| <b>Registration period after transfer</b>      | <a href="#">extends</a>                                                                                         |
| <b>Average transfer time</b>                   | Max 6 days                                                                                                      |
| <b>Advanced and simple transfers available</b> | Contact our <a href="#">Sales department</a> to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .in domains is available. |

## Update

# Owner change (trade)

- **Trade** - via RCP or API, by updating the owner handle
- **Confirmation** - via email to losing and gaining domain owners

# Other update

- **Domain updates** - via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#). Processed real-time

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## Deletion / Restore

# Delete

- **Delete** - via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- **Domains, deleted explicitly** - locked in [hard quarantine](#) 28 days after deletion
- **Expired domains** - locked in [soft quarantine](#) for 44 days. If not restored - locked in [hard quarantine](#) 28 more days

## Restore / reactivate

- **Restore** - via [RCP](#) or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#). 72 days after deletion

### Detailed extension information

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| <b>Registry</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registry: <a href="#">IN Registry</a></li> <li>• Registry whois: whois.registry.in</li> <li>• Registry web based whois: <a href="https://whois.nixiregistry.in/">https://whois.nixiregistry.in/</a></li> <li>• Registry zonefile updates: Real-Time</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Technical information</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available second level domains: .co.in, .firm.in, .gen.in, .ind.in, .net.in, .org.in</li> <li>• DNSSEC support: yes</li> <li>• Minimum length: 3 characters</li> <li>• Maximum length: 63 characters</li> <li>• Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 -</li> <li>• IDN characters: Yes</li> <li>• Registration period: 1-10 years</li> <li>• Renewal date offset: 0 days<br/><i>The number of days before the registry's expiration date, that Openprovider requires the domain to be renewed or expired. <a href="#">More info.</a></i></li> <li>• Soft quarantine period: 44 days<br/><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. <a href="#">More info.</a></i></li> <li>• Quarantine period: 28 days<br/><i>During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.</i></li> </ul> |

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| <b>Restrictions</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local presence required? <b>no</b></li> <li>• Does Openprovider provide local presence services? <b>n/a</b></li> <li>• Local activity required? <b>no</b></li> <li>• Correct nameserver configuration required? <b>no</b></li> <li>• The Domain(s) can be registered without further limitations.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Policies</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies: <a href="https://www.registry.in/policies">https://www.registry.in/policies</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Registration agreement</b> | <p><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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">General registration agreement</a></li> </ul>                                   |

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