



This article describes the procedures and requirements of .lv 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
- Administrative contact must be private person.
- Latvian registrants need their identification number - Latvia Personal Code (private individuals) or company registration number and VAT number (companies).
 - personal code for Latvian natural persons/private individuals in the following format:
 - YYMMDD-CNNNN where first 6 digits form a birth date of the individual, and the first one after the hyphen, C, stands for a century: 0 for XIX, 1 for XX and 2 for those born in XXI century;
 - 32NNNN[-]NNNNN: from July 2017, a new format of personal code became available, containing eleven digits, first two being 32 and having an optional - after the first six digits.

Always indicate real data of registrant, avoid setting ZIP as '000000', address as 'german german', always use real and correct state, province, city. Do not set fake data to avoid domain revocation. If you use fake data registry may suspend your domain until registry receive real documents proving your ID. Domain owner will receive email notification in a case of fake data usage.

Please note: In case of false information, the registry can request the delation of the domain. In this case a refund will not be applicable.

IMPORTANT: Generic subdomain **.edu.lv** can be registered only by accredited educational institutions in Latvia. You can check this information at www.nic.lv/en/generic-subdomains

Note :

Following are the two scenarios where the registrant will receive an invoice directly from the registry to be paid for their .lv domain(s)

1. Direct Registration via NIC.LV

If you register a .LV domain directly on the NIC.LV website using their registration form and the registration is confirmed, the registry will invoice you directly.

2. Domain Removed from Registrar Management

If we, as your registrar, remove the .LV domain from our management (for example, due to non-renewal or account changes), and the renewal date is approaching, the registry will take over management of the domain. In this case, NIC.LV will send the renewal invoice directly to you.

Transfer

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

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

Additional notes on a .lv transfer

- A domain name may not be transferred in the same month as its registration or the month afterwards. A domain name may not be transferred within the first month after its renewal.
- The transfer code is valid for 7 days only.
- Transfer is automatically approved after 5 days if not rejected by the current registrar or the domain holder. The transfer will be immediately approved if the current registrar approves the transfer explicitly.
- The registry will not send an e-mail to the domain contacts after the transfer finishes.

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode
Registration period after transfer	unchanged
Average transfer time	max 6 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .lv domains is available.

Outgoing transfer

- **External authorization code request** - via [RCP \(Reseller Control Panel\)](#) or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)

Update

Owner change (trade)

- Requested as a normal domain update via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- Processed realtime
- The registry will send an e-mail to the domain contacts after the transfer finishes.

Other update

- requested via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
- processed realtime

Deletion / Restore

Delete

Explicit delete

- Requested via RCP or [XML API](#) or [REST API](#)
 - After sending a delete request, the registry will send to the domain owner an e-mail, asking him if he wants to take over the management of the domain. If he does not do that within 3 working days, the registry will remove the domain from the zone file.
 - After 30 more days, the domain becomes available again.
 - If a recently registered domain name is deleted before it has been billed to the registrar (normally within the first 60 days), the registry will not delete the domain immediately but mark it 'auto-expire' after the first year of registration.
- In order to delete the domain name, the registry has to receive a written (signed) request from the holder of the domain name.
- Application forms website : www.nic.lv/en/application-forms

- If the registry did not receive the payment for the right to use the domain, the domain name will be deleted in accordance with the policy for acquisition of the right to use the domain names under the TLD .lv.

Restore / reactivate

- If the registrant has chosen to take over the management of the domain name, he can choose to transfer the domain to Openprovider again.
- If the domain was not taken over and is still in its 30 days "locked" period, please contact us and include the domain name **and** approval on the €25 reactivation fee in your request. Restoring a .LV domain is a manual process and can take a day before it is processed at the registry.

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: NIC LV • Registry whois: whois.nic.lv • Registry web based whois: https://www.nic.lv/whois • Registry zonefile updates: Unknown
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Technical information

- Available second level domains: .com.lv, .net.lv, .org.lv, .asn.lv, .conf.lv, .edu.lv, .id.lv
- DNSSEC support: yes
- Minimum of 2 characters
- Maximum of 63 characters
- IDNs: ā, ē, ī, ū, ō, ķ, ļ, ņ, ŀ, ģ, š, č, ž
(<https://www.nic.lv/en/latvian-domain-names>)
- Registration period: 1 year
- Renewal date offset: 0 days

The number of days before the registry's expiration date, that Openprovider requires the domain to be renewed or expired. [More info.](#)

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.

- Soft quarantine period: n/a days
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.](#)
- Quarantine period: 0 days
During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.

Restrictions	• Local presence required? no • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? n/a • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • The administrative contact must be a private individual • Latvian registrants need their identification number - Latvia Personal Code (private individuals) or company registration number and VAT number (companies) in order to be able to register a .lv domain. • .id.lv domain names can only be registered by Latvian individuals, and only one .id.lv domain per registrant • Full name of an individual as a domain name may be registered only by the person with the respective full name. • If you wish to transfer a domain at the end of the current registration period, you must do this at least a month before the domain expiry date • Please always indicate real data of registrant, avoid setting ZIP as '000000', address as 'german german', always use real and correct state, province, city. Do not set fake data to avoid domain revocation. If you use fake data registry may suspend your domain until registry receive real documents proving your ID. Domain owner will receive email notification in a case of fake data usage.
Policies	• All policies on the registry's website • Premium policy: no premiums supported • Domain rules • ISNIC Terms and Conditions • ISNIC Requirements
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

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