

.SO

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

Domain Restrictions

Each domain may have up to 13 nameservers at any point during its lifetime. Domains with no nameserver will have an "inactive" standard EPP status, which means that it will not be published in the DNS zone file. This will not however affect its appearance in the WHOIS database.

Registry shall be entitled at all times to cancel the registration of a domain name or delete same following receipt of a written instruction from the Government of the Republic of Somalia, indicating that said Domain Name is considered defamatory, contrary to public order or morality or otherwise not allowed under the laws of the Republic of Somalia. The Domain Name Holder expressly agrees and accepts that he or she shall not be entitled to claim any compensation or refund from the Registry when the latter implements the Government instruction referred to above.

Transfer

- A .SO Domain Transfer has to be initiated with a so-called Authorisation Code which can be obtained from the current registrar through the owner or Admin-C of the domain. - A successful transfer will result in a one year extension of the registration period. - Transfers will auto-Ack after five days if the losing Registrar has taken no action. - While in pendingTransfer the losing Registrars may Ack (approve) or Nack (deny) the transfer request. - Valid transfer requests will result in the domain being place in pendingTransfer status for up to 5 days.

Additional notes on a .so transfer

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Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode
Registration period after transfer	unchanged
Average transfer time	5 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .so domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

A change of ownership can be done by replacing the owner contact in the control panel. After saving the changes the change is processed realtime.

Other update

A change of contactdetails can be done by updating the associated handles in the control panel. After saving the changes the domainname will be updated realtime.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

A delete is realtime. After a delete the domain will be in quarantine status. During this period the domain can be reactivated.

Restore / reactivate

A domain name can be restored after the domain name has been deleted or expired.

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: soNIC • Registry whois: whois.nic.co • Registry web based whois: https://sonic.so/whois-domain/ • Registry zonefile updates: Unknown
Technical information	• Available second level domains: .com.so, .net.so, .org.so • DNSSEC support: no • Minimum length: 3 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: no • Registration period: 1 – 10 years • 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> • Soft quarantine period: 42 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: 4 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? no • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • The Domain(s) can be registered without further limitations.
Policies	• http://sonic.so/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/dotso-domain-name-registration-policies_v1.1_2.pdf

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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