

.swiss

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

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

- Special requirements for the registrant applies
 - Only Swiss public bodies or other public law organizations and bodies registered with the Swiss commercial register having their headquarters and an actual administrative site in Switzerland can register .swiss domains.
 - The so-called UID / Enterprise ID, starting with *CHE*, should be submitted in the *Company registration number* field.
 - Physical persons cannot apply for a .swiss domain.
 - Registrants must have an objective relationship with the domain name.
- Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group
- Registrant [e-mail address verification](#) applies.
- Natural Person Social Security Number (UPI) should be in the format 756.dddd.dddd.dd - where d is a digit.
- Company registration number should be in the format CHE-ddd.ddd.ddd - where d is a digit.

Natural persons may only register a .swiss domain name if it contains at least one of the following designations:

- one of the official names or other names registered in the civil register,
- one of the forenames,
- a married name,
- a registered partnership name,
- a name received in a religious order,
- an artist's name under which the person has become known or
- a name attached to a distinctive sign (e.g. a registered trade mark) to which the applicant has rights.

A freely chosen designation may be added to any of these compulsory designations.

Names that are identical or similar to generic terms (such as Barbieri, Marchand, Metzger) cannot be assigned to an individual. However, these names may be assigned if they are

accompanied by an additional identifier, such as a first name, a pseudonym, or a reference to a personal interest.

Swiss citizens residing abroad are not permitted to use a .swiss domain name for commercial activities outside of Switzerland. Their domain name is restricted to private, associative, or charitable purposes only.

The Swiss social insurance number (OASI/AHV/AVS), in the form of the UPI (Universal Person Identification), and the address provided in the registration application must belong to the domain name applicant.

A new registration will be put on hold for a period of at least 20 days in which the registry validates the application and other registrants can apply for the same domain name. Only after this validation, the domain will be activated.

Transfer

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

- authorisation code
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- registrant [e-mail address verification](#) applies

During the transfer period which can take 6 days, the current provider or the owner can reject to the transfer.

The registration period after a successful transfer will [extend with 1 year](#), unless the transfer is ordered within the domain's auto-renew grace period at the previous registrar.

Problems transferring your domain?

Please take a look at this [extended article](#) for possible solutions.

Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode,email

Registration period after transfer	extends
Average transfer time	Max. 6 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .swiss domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

- requested as a normal domain update via RCP or [API](#)
- processed realtime
- both previous and new registrant will receive an e-mail. This is a notification only, no action is required.
- registrant [e-mail address verification](#) applies

Other update

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

If as part of the update the domain owner's e-mail address changes, we're obliged to start a [contact verification process](#) if this new e-mail address was not verified before.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

Explicit delete

- Requested via RCP or [API](#)
- processed realtime
- will directly result in quarantine (redemption period) (**no** soft quarantine applies)

Expiration

In case the domain expires (not renewed in time);

- will not be deleted directly at the registry
- will lead to [soft quarantine](#), followed by regular quarantine

Restore / reactivate

- restore / reactivation supported via [RCP](#) or [API](#)
- quarantine periods can be found under

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- After quarantine, 5 days *PendingDelete* period (restore **not** possible)

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: Swiss Confederation • Registry whois: whois.nic.swiss • Registry web based whois: http://whois.nic.swiss/ • Registry zonefile updates: Realtime
Domain lifecycle	[External embedded content: https://www.openprovider.com/domain-lifecycle/domains.php?ext=swiss]

Technical information	• DNSSEC support: yes • Minimum length: 3 characters • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z, 0-9, - • IDN characters: yes • 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: 44 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: 28 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 • Only Swiss public bodies or other public law organizations and bodies registered with the Swiss commercial register having their headquarters and an actual administrative site in Switzerland can register .swiss domains. • Physical persons cannot apply for a .swiss domain. • Registrants must have an objective relationship with the domain name. • Natural Person Social Security Number (UPI) should be in the format 756.dddd.dddd.dd - where d is a digit. • Company registration number should be in the format CHE-ddd.ddd.ddd - where d is a digit.
Policies	• Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy: http://www.icann.org/en/help/dndr/udrp/rules

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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