

.watches

This article describes the procedures and requirements of .watches domain names. Click on the subject below to open the dropdown for more information.

Registration

Successful domain registration via API or RCP requires:

- Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group

Transfer

Successful domain registration via API or RCP requires:

- Two or more nameservers or a nameserver group
- Auth code

The transfer is submitted to the registry and the losing registrar is automatically notified by them.

The losing registrar sends an email to the owner (and optionally admin) contact, informing about the transfer; this may include options to approve and/or deny the transfer. If neither explicitly approved nor denied, the transfer will be automatically finalized after 5 days.

Additional notes on a .watches transfer

- Ensure that your respective domain does not have a lock-status (clientTransferProhibited and/or serverTransferProhibited). This can be seen in WHOIS.
- If the domain has a client-side transfer lock, the owner can ask the current registrar to have the lock removed.

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 .watches domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

NA

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

- Quarantine periods can be found under
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- After quarantine, 5 days *PendingDelete* period (restore **not** possible)

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: Identity Digital • Registry whois: whois.nic.watches • Registry web based whois: https://whois.identity.digital • Registry zonefile updates: Realtime
Domain lifecycle	[External embedded content: https://www.openprovider.com/domain-lifecycle/domains.php?ext=watches]
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: 40 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: 0 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? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • As the registry is a US entity, the registrant may not have a connection with a country or region on the US sanctions list • The Domain(s) can be registered without further limitations.
Policies	• Rules for Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy: http://www.icann.org/en/help/dndr/udrp/rules
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

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