



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

A domain name registration is realtime. It is required that the office/residence of the registrant is within the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or any of the French overseas territories.. If you are registering the domain name with an individual as the owner you will need to supply the date, place and country of birth. The details of an individual registrant will be hidden in the whois automatically. The tech handle can not be a person, but needs to be a company handle. Registry AFNIC maintains a list of domain names to the "reserved" status, for example town and community names. Unfortunately we cannot see this status until the registration request, that will fail with a **"2304, Object status prohibits operation"** error.

Reserved domain names can be registered if the registrant has a legitimate interest, for example if the name is his company name. Please contact us in such case. The list is available at [AFNIC's website](#).

IMPORTANT:

Domain Registration Restrictions: Online Gambling and Pharmacy-Related Terms:

In accordance with French law, it is strictly prohibited to offer online casino games or online sports betting on French territory without proper authorization. Additionally, to prevent fraudulent or non-compliant domain registrations, we have enforced a keyword-based restriction within our system across all AFNIC TLDs. This change aims to ensure compliance with French regulations and to protect users from illegal or misleading online activities.

Legal Background

Gambling and Betting Prohibitions

Under Articles L320-1 and L324-1 of the French Internal Security Code and Article 56 of Law No. 2010-476 of May 12, 2010, the following applies:

- Offering online casino games on French territory is strictly prohibited.

- Offering online sports betting without an appropriate license is also strictly prohibited.

The official list of approved and licensed operators can be consulted on [Legifrance](#).

This restriction will apply to all TLDs (.fr, .re, .pm, .tf, .wf, .yt) under the AFNIC Registry.

Restricted Keywords - If a domain name includes any of the following terms, the registration will be automatically blocked:

Gambling / Betting Keywords

casino, gambling, betting, wager, gamesofchance, gamble, punt, stakes, onlinecasino, virtualcasino, casinowebsite, casinoplatform, livecasino, blackjack, poker, roulette, baccarat, craps, keno, slot, slots, videopoker, lottery, lotto, sweepstake, scratchcard, jackpot, raffle, sportsbook, bet365, parimutuel, bettingodds, livebetting, footballbet, casinobonus, welcomebonus, freespins, nodeposit, 100free, winbig, jeuxdargent, jeuxdecasino, parisportif, cotes, tirage, gagnerdelargent, bonuscasino, machinesasous, blackjacksenligne, roulettenligne, pokeraargent, bet, bets, betonline, livebet, livebetting, footballbet, sportsbet, sportsbetting, bettingodds, bet365, bettips, bestbet, freebet, matchbet, placedbet, placingbet, parlay, stake, stakes, wager, wagers, wagering, odds, bookmaker, bookie, sportsbook, spreadbet, handicapbet, matchodds, betnow, winbet

Pharmacy / Pharmaceutical Keywords

pharmacie, pharmacien, pharmacienne, pharma, parapharmacie, pharmaciedegarde, pharmaciedurgence, pharmacieenligne, pharmacienconseil, pharmamed, pharmashop, pharmaciefrancaise, pharmacielyon, pharmaciemarseille, pharmacieparis, pharmaciedigitale

In France, the medicine distribution chain is secure and under pharmaceutical supervision. Only an individual who holds a State Doctor of Pharmacy degree is authorized to open or acquire a pharmacy and to sell medicines, whether through a physical pharmacy or online.

(<https://www.ordre.pharmacien.fr/je-suis/patient-grand-public/les-sites-autorises-de-vente-en-ligne-de-medicaments>)

You can find on the following page the list of authorized websites permitted to sell medicines online:

<https://www.ordre.pharmacien.fr/je-suis/patient-grand-public/rechercher-un-site-de-vente-en-ligne-autorise-a-vendre-des-medicaments>

Implementation Details

- The restriction is enforced at the time of domain registration.
- Domains containing any restricted keyword will be rejected automatically.
- Registrants wishing to use a blocked term for legitimate reasons must contact support for manual review and provide appropriate company documentation and license proof.

Transfer

You can start a .wf domain transfer through our [API](#) or [control panel](#). This transfer requires the following information:

- an authorisation code that you need to request at your current provider.
- a registrant contact handle with an address within EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or any of the French overseas territories.
- an admin contact handle
- a tech contact handle - this can not be a person, but needs to be a company handle
- two or more nameservers or a nameserver group

Once the transfer is started, it will be finished in maximum 22 days:

- if the current registrar approves the transfer, the transfer will complete immediately;
- if the current registrar does not approve nor reject the transfer, the transfer will complete after 8 days;
- if the current registrar rejects the transfer within the first 8 days, the transfer will still complete automatically after 22 days.

If the domain holder wants to cancel an initiated transfer, only the gaining registrar (Openprovider, through you as a reseller) can do so; you can cancel the transfer from the transfer queue in your control panel. The registration period after a successful transfer [restarts](#). The registry will not send an e-mail to the domain contacts after the transfer finishes.

Additional notes on a .wf transfer

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Authorization code required	yes
Method of confirmation	authcode

Registration period after transfer	extends
Average transfer time	8-22 days
Advanced and simple transfers available	Contact our Sales department to check if easy transfer of 100 or more .wf domains is available.

Update

Owner change (trade)

An owner change can be performed by updating the owner handle of the domain. This change is processed realtime.

Other update

An contact update can be performed by updating the handle of the domain. This change is processed realtime.

Deletion / Restore

Delete

A domain can be deleted by either manually removing it from your control panel or setting it to not be automatically renewed. When a domain is set it to not be automatically renewed, our system will delete the domain on its expiration date.

Restore / reactivate

A domain name can be restored during its quarantine period (also called redemptionPeriod). Under 'detailed TLD information' below you can find how long a domain stays in its quarantine period after the domain name has been deleted or expired.

Detailed extension information

Registry	• Registry: AFNIC • Registry whois: whois.nic.fr • Registry web based whois: http://www.nic.fr/fr/produits-et-services/services/whois/ • Registry zonefile updates: Every 10 minutes
Technical information	• DNSSEC support: yes • Minimum length: 1 character • Maximum length: 63 characters • Allowed characters: a-z 0-9 - • IDN characters: supported • Registration period: 1 year • Renewal date offset: 2 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: n/a 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: 29 days <i>During this period, an expired or deleted domain name can be reactivated at an additional fee.</i>
Restrictions	• Local presence required? yes • Does Openprovider provide local presence services? yes • Local activity required? no • Correct nameserver configuration required? no • It is required that the office/residence of the registrant is within the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or any of the French overseas territories. • Additional information about date, place and country of birth (private individuals) is required. • The tech handle can not be a person, but needs to be a company handle

Policies	• All policies on the registry's website • Premium policy: no premiums supported • Naming Policies
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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