إدارة نطاقات الإنترنت
Qatar Domains Registry

Domain Name Transfer Policy
Change of Registrant

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Domain Name Transfers

There are two circumstances where a Domain Name may be transferred:

- to transfer a Domain Name from one Sponsoring Registrar to the Sponsorship of another Registrar ("Transfer of Registrar"); or
- to transfer a Domain Name from one Registrant to another Registrant ("Registrant Transfer").

This Policy document covers Registrant Transfer and the correction of Registrant Information.

Registrant Transfer Policy

1. Purpose

1.1. There may be legal or administrative reasons why a Domain Name may be Transferred between Registrants.

1.2. Domain Names may be transferred by the Registrant to any other third party meeting the Eligibility Requirements at any time.

2. Registrant Transfers of Domain Names where there are no Eligibility Requirements

2.1. Where a Domain Name that is not subject to any Eligibility Requirements is to be transferred, the transferee must make the Warranties as set out in the Registrant Agreement as described in Qatar Domains Registry Policy.

2.2. The Transfer mechanism for Domain Names not subject to any Eligibility Requirements is as follows:

2.2.1. The Sponsoring Registrar must receive a written request for Transfer explaining the circumstances of the Transfer which is signed by the Registrant Contact (a request by telephone or email is not acceptable);

2.2.2. The Sponsoring Registrar must obtain confirmation of the request for Transfer from both the Registrant Contact and the authorised representative of the proposed new Registrant.

2.2.3. The Sponsoring Registrar must keep a full record of the Transfer for inspection by the Qatar Domains Registry on demand, including copies of the written request for Transfer.

2.2.4. The original Registrant is not entitled to be reimbursed by the Registrar for the unused portion of the Domain Name Licence Period.

2.2.5. The new Registrant becomes the beneficiary of the remaining portion Domain Name Licence Period.

2.2.6. The Registrar may charge an additional service charge to complete this transaction.

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3. Registrant Transfers of Domain Names which are subject to Eligibility Requirements

3.1. Requests for Registrant Transfer of a Domain Names which are subject to Eligibility Requirements must be validated against this Policy by the Sponsoring Registrar, and the Transfer should only occur if the request meets these requirements.

3.2. Requests for Registrant Transfer of a Domain Name which are subject to Eligibility Requirements must be validated against this Policy by the Sponsoring Registrar, and the Transfer should only occur if the request meets these requirements.

3.3. The intent of this policy is that Domain Names subject to Eligibility Requirements should not be Registered to be sold to another party for commercial gain.

3.4. The Transfer of a Domain Names which are subject to Eligibility Requirements may occur under the following circumstances:

3.4.1. when the Registrant sells all or part of the business entity that originally applied for the Domain Name and the Domain Name is listed in the deed of sale;

3.4.2. if there is a transfer of intellectual property and the Transfer of the intellectual property includes the Domain Name;

3.4.3. where a business entity becomes insolvent and the Domain Name is transferred to a liquidator, receiver, receiver manager, administrator or similar insolvency professional as a consequence;

3.4.4. where there is a Transfer of the Domain Name between subsidiaries of the same entity;

3.4.5. Where the Domain Name was registered by an agent on behalf of a client and there was an agreement that the Transfer would take place after the Registration, for example, where the agent is a marketing company, lawyer, or other professional services provider;

3.4.6. where the Registrant's power of attorney is assigned to another entity, due to illness or death;

3.4.7. where a competent arbitrator, tribunal, court or legislative body orders the Registrant to Transfer its Domain Name; or

3.4.8. where the Registrant has entered into an agreement to Transfer its Domain Name to the proposed new Registrant in settlement of a dispute between the parties and the deed of settlement includes the Transfer of the Domain Name, (for example, where a trademark infringement dispute is settled out of court).

3.5. Where the Registrant no longer meets the requirements to hold a Domain Name, the Domain Name must be Deleted from the Qatar Domains Registry Domain Name Registry System.

3.6. In all cases, the Transfer of Domain Names which are subject to Eligibility Requirements will only be permitted where the proposed new Registrant meets the Eligibility Requirements of the Qatar Domains Registry Policy, and make the Warranties in the Registrant Agreement.

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3.7. Transfer mechanism for Domain Names which are subject to Eligibility Requirements:

3.7.1. The Sponsoring Registrar must receive a written request for Transfer that explains the circumstances of the Transfer and is signed by the Registrant Contact (a request by telephone or email is not acceptable).

3.7.2. The Sponsoring Registrar must obtain a declaration signed by the proposed new Registrant, or an authorised representative of the proposed Registrant, in the form and as to contents provided for in Appendix A of this Policy, with any required relevant documents attached.

3.7.3. The Sponsoring Registrar must obtain confirmation of the request for Transfer from both the Registrant Contact and the proposed new Registrant, or an authorised representative of the proposed Registrant.

3.7.4. The Sponsoring Registrar must keep full records of the Transfer for inspection by the Qatar Domains Registry on demand, including copies of the written request for transfer, the declaration, and the Transfer confirmation.

3.7.5. The original Registrant is not entitled to be reimbursed by the Registrar for the unused portion of the Domain Name Licence Period.

3.7.6. The new Registrant becomes the beneficiary of the remaining portion Domain Name Licence Period.

3.7.7. The Registrar may charge an additional service charge to complete this transaction.

4. The Qatar Domains Registry may investigate

4.1. The Qatar Domains Registry reserves the right to investigate any Domain Name Transfer.

4.2. Where the Policy of the Qatar Domains Registry has been breached, the Domain Name may be deleted from the Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System at which time it will become available for the next Applicant that meets the requirements of the Qatar Domains Registry Policy.

5. Policy Definition and Review

This Policy document has been prepared and published in order to represent the Qatar Domains Registry's Policy with regard to the administrative and technical management of the Qatar Domains Registry and the Qatar Domains Registry's Domain Name Registry System. The Qatar Domains Registry may, at its sole discretion, review and/or amend this Policy at any time.

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Appendix A

Third-Level Domain Names – Form of Declaration to be used for Transfers of Registrant

The information below must appear in all requests for the Transfer of a Registrant for Domain Names subject to Eligibility Requirements:

I <The proposed new Registrant, or an authorised representative of the proposed new Registrant>, makes the following declaration in accordance with the laws of the State of Qatar:

<Insert details of the transfer, for example: Sale of Business>

I certify that all the information I have furnished in this declaration are true and correct, and I understand that any false or misleading information may be subject to an offence under the laws in the State of Qatar.

Signature and date:

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