Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?
The working group will conduct one working session at ICANN72, on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 10:00-12:00 (PDT). Please check the ICANN72 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader community input.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council initiated a two-phase policy development process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the Final Issue Report, this PDP is to address the following topics in sequence:

- The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA) and AuthInfo Codes (Phase 1A)
- The change of registrant (Phase 1B)
- The transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, NACKing transfers, and ICANN-approved transfers (Phase 2) Learn More

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?
The working group held its first meeting on 14 May 2021. In the early stages of its work, the working group developed a work plan, conducted an initial review of the topics within its charter, and obtained early written input from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, and ACs on these topics.

The working group is now focusing on substantive deliberations and making progress toward delivering its Initial Report. The working group first conducted initial deliberations on charter questions related to AuthInfo Codes. It is now focusing on the Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA). It will return to the topic of AuthInfo Codes once it has answered questions related to FOA that inform the AuthInfo Code deliberations. As it discusses each topic, the working group is taking into account relevant written input received from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, and ACs.
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WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
The working group will firm up draft responses to charter questions and recommendations, which will be compiled into an Initial Report. The Initial Report will be published for public comment.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective SG, Constituency, SO, or AC to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP’s deliberations. Interested parties are also able to follow the working group’s progress by signing up as an observer.

MORE INFORMATION
- PDP webpage
- PDP workspace

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