

Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN78 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

The working group will conduct one working session on Saturday, 21 October 2023 from 10:30–12:00 CEST. Please check the ICANN78 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss charter questions and seek broader community input on draft recommendations regarding the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP) and bulk transfers if time allows.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council [initiated](#) a 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 addresses the following topics:

- **The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA), AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers, change of registrant requirements, the Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC) and reversing inter-registrar transfers, the TDRP, and ICANN-approved transfers ([Learn More](#)).**

The working group began meeting in May 2021. On 21 June 2022, it published an Initial Report for Public Comment covering the FOA, AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers. The working group has reviewed Public Comments and incorporated changes into the preliminary recommendations where appropriate. The working group also conducted preliminary deliberations on change of registrant requirements contained in the Transfer Policy. During deliberations, the working group identified the need to make progress on charter questions related to the TEAC, reversing inter-registrar transfers, and the TDRP, before finalizing work on other charter topics. Therefore, it decided to focus on these topics.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group is developing preliminary agreements and recommendations on bulk transfers and plans to discuss the Change of Registrant issue following the conclusion of its work on bulk transfers.



WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The working group charter initially anticipated that the PDP would be conducted in phases, but the approach has since been changed due to dependencies identified between charter topics. The work is now structured as a single phase. The working group is expected to deliver a second Initial Report covering all charter topics, including revisions to the recommendations contained in the first Initial Report, in August 2024. The working group will deliver a single Final Report covering all charter topics.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective Stakeholder Group, Constituency, Supporting Organization, or Advisory Committee and communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP's deliberations. Interested parties can also follow the working group's progress by signing up as an observer. A Public Comment period will be held on the second Initial Report. All are welcome to contribute to this Public Comment period.

MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

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