

Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN76 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

The working group will conduct two working sessions, the first on Saturday, 11 March 2023 from 9:00–10:00 EST and the second on Sunday, 12 March 2023 from 10:30–12:00 EST. Please check the ICANN76 meeting schedule for the confirmed times. During the sessions, the working group will discuss charter questions related to reversal of transfers and resolution of transfer-related disputes, and seek broader community input on these topics.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

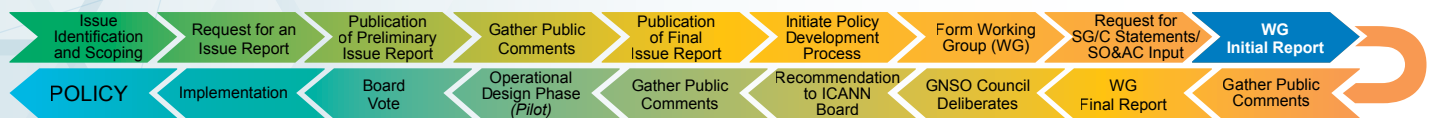
On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council [initiated](#) a policy development process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the [Final Issue Report](#), this PDP 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 and reversing inter-registrar transfers, the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, 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 Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (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 has also conducted preliminary deliberations on change of registrant requirements contained in the Transfer Policy.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Based on deliberations conducted to date, the working group identified the need to make progress on charter questions related to the transfer emergency action contact, reversing inter-registrar transfers, and the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy before finalizing work on other charter topics. Therefore, deliberations are now focused on developing preliminary agreements and potential recommendations on these topics upon which other subjects are dependent.



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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