

Domains

Transferring a Domain Name to 1st Domains

Transferring your domain name to 1st Domains is easy and includes all our great features. Depending on the domain extension, there may be a charge, but this will be added to your expiry date of the domain.

You can initiate the transfer using the transfer page here: <https://1stdomains.nz/transfer/>.

Please note that a mandatory renewal maybe required for the domain name, which will add an additional year to your existing registration term. The mandatory renewal applies to gTLD domains or .nz domains that are about to expire within 75 days, you will be asked to renew on transfer as well. For example, if you transfer your gTLD domain with 6 months remaining, after the transfer, there will be 18 months. See below for restrictions on transfers.

The Auth Code is required for each domain name to confirm and authorise the transfer. Your current Registrar would have emailed the Auth Code to the Registrant contact. Your current Registrar must provide this to the Registrant contact upon request, normally sent by email.

.nz Auth Code is usually referred to as the UDAI or Unique Domain Authentication ID.
.com .biz .net .org .info or gTLD domains Auth Code can be referred to as an EPP code.

The transfer of your .nz domain should be instant. gTLD domains can take between 5 - 10 days to complete. It is important to remember that the services will remain active while the transfer is in progress. You may want to check with the losing registrar if services on their platform will continue when the domain has been successfully transferred away.

If you don't have an existing account with 1st Domains, during the transfer you will be asked to create a new account which the domain will be transferred into.

Restrictions for transfers of .nz domain names

Domain name must be over 5 days old (Not in 5 day grace period) and not in the 45 day auto renew period. If a domain has been auto renewed at the losing registrar the domain name can not be transferred for 45 days. This can be seen in the domain name status as AutoRenewPeriod in a whois search.

If a domain name is due for renewal within 75 days, you will be required to renew your domain name with 1st Domains at the time of transfer.

Restrictions for transfers of non .nz domain names e.g .com

Domain name must be over 60 days old (Not in 60 day grace period)

A minimum of 1 year renewal is required for all transfers of gTLDs such as .com, .org, .info etc. This year is added onto your existing term. Example: You currently have 6 months remaining on your registration. Transferring to 1st Domains will result in a 1 year renewal leaving 18 months remaining on your registration term.

gTLD transfer process can take upto 5 - 10 days to complete

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