To help you follow the registration state diagram: Figure 1 - Domain States and the accompanying response text, this page provides a brief clarifying discussion. In the diagram, each green circle represents a registration state, and each circle has arrows pointing both from it and to it. The text accompanying an arrow pointing from the circle indicates the trigger causing the state change from the current state.

The text accompanying each arrow is either a word or phrase or an indication of an elapsed time span. The word or phrase generally represents an EPP command with the following exceptions: the words accompanying the circular arrows on the Available state and the Expiration transition from the REGISTERED state indicate an event or action rather than an EPP command. Additional explanation is provided in the response to Question 27. An elapsed time span is exactly that: the indicated time period that must lapse in order for the state change to occur (i.e., 30 days must lapse for a state change from Redemption Grace Period to Pending Delete to occur).

The reader may find that the Renew Grace Period and the Transfer Grace Period are conspicuously not present in the state diagram. For the sake of clarity, the diagram places its focus on states that benefit registrants and not registrars. Those two states simply represent periods that the registrar is eligible for a refund for the named action should the registrar elect to delete the domain. You will find on the subsequent process flows that both periods are clearly illustrated with their corresponding entry and exit criteria. The response to Question 27 also includes a detailed description of these states.
Figure 1 – Domain Registration States
Figure 2 – Availability
Figure 4 – Renewal
Figure 5 – Renew Grace Period
Figure 6 - Auto Renew
Figure 7 - Delete
Figure 8 – Request Transfer
Figure 9 – Auto Approve Transfer

From Request Transfer

Pending Transfer

Pending 5 days?

YES

Refund Renewal to Losing Registrar

NO

Renew Grace Status?

YES

Remove State: renewPeriod

NO

Change Sponsor for Domain & Hosts

Add State: transferPeriod

Remove State: transferPending

Go to: Transfer Grace Period
Figure 10 – Approve Transfer
Figure 11 – Reject Transfer
Figure 12 – Cancel Transfer

1. **Requesting Registrar**
2. **Transfer Cancel**
3. **Pending Transfer**
   - From Request Transfer
   - NO
   - Remove State: transferPending
4. **END**
Query Transfer

Domain Registered?  
NO  END

YES

Correct authinfo?  
NO  END

YES

Transfer Pending Status?  
NO  END

YES

Supply Transfer Status

END

Figure 13 – Query Transfer
Figure 14 – Transfer Grace Period
Figure 15 – Redemption Grace Period