



Q 27 Life Cycle Diagram Explanation and Definitions

- **Domain Tasting** –The practice of a domain name registrant using the 5 day add-grace period at the beginning of the registration of an ICANN-regulated second level domains to test the marketability of the domain.
- **5 day add-grace period** - A grace period refers to a specified number of calendar days following domain registration in which the operation may be reversed and a credit may be issued to a Registrar. The Add Grace Period (AGP) is typically the five-day period following the initial registration of a domain name. AGP was intended to allow for the no-cost cancellation of domain name registrations resulting from typos and other errors by Registrars and registrants as well as some types of fraudulent registrations. Currently, when a domain name is registered through a Registrar, that Registrar may delete the domain name at any time during the first five calendar days of the registration or within the first five calendar days of submitting an application for a name (the Add Grace Period or AGP), and receive a full credit for the registration fee from the Operator. Once a domain name is deleted by the registry at this stage, it is immediately available for registration by any registrant through any Registrar.
- **Registered (1-10 years)** - domain names can be registered or renewed for a period of 1-10 years and no domain shall extend beyond 10 years in the future to expire.
- **Auto-renew grace period** - The Auto-Renew Grace Period is a specified number of calendar days following an auto-renewal. An auto-renewal occurs if a domain name registration is not renewed by the expiration date; in this circumstance the registration will be automatically renewed by the system the first day after the expiration date. The current value of the Auto-Renew Grace Period is 45 calendar days. If a Delete, Renew, or Transfer occurs within the Auto-Renew Grace Period, the following rules apply.
 - *Delete*. If a domain is deleted within the Auto-Renew Grace Period, the sponsoring Registrar at the time of the deletion receives a credit of the Auto-Renew fee. The domain is deleted from the Registry database and is immediately available for registration by any Registrar. See below for a description of overlapping grace period exceptions.
 - *Renew*. A domain can be Renewed within the Auto-Renew Grace Period for up to a total of ten years. The account of the sponsoring Registrar at the time of the additional extension will be charged for the additional number of years the registration is extended.
 - *Transfer (other than ICANN-approved bulk transfer)*. If a domain is transferred under Part A of Exhibit B to the Registry-Registrar Agreement within the Auto-Renew Grace Period, the losing Registrar is credited with the Auto-Renew charge and the year added by the Auto-Renew operation is cancelled. The expiration date of the domain is extended by one year up to a total maximum of ten by virtue of the transfer and the gaining Registrar is charged for that additional year, even in cases where a full year is not added because of the 10-year maximum limitation.
 - *Bulk Transfer (with ICANN approval)*. Bulk transfers with ICANN approval may be made during the Auto-Renew Grace Period according to the procedures in Part B of Exhibit B to the Registry-Registrar Agreement. The expiration dates of transferred registrations are not affected. The losing Registrar's account is charged for the Auto-Renew.
- **Redemption Grace Period (30 days)** - If you fail to renew it and the grace period also expires, the domain name enters into redemption period. Since in redemption period the domain name is publicly available for sale and anyone can buy it during this period using back order mechanism, you can check for its availability. If available, you can make a fresh purchase of the domain name.
- **Pending Delete (5 days)** - 5 days after the Redemption grace period, the last notice/warning to registrants that the domain name will be deleted if not renewed.
- **Released** – name openly available for registration/re-registration.