

UNDERSTANDING DOMAIN NAME TRANSFER LOCKS



INITIAL REGISTRATION LOCK

WHEN YOU REGISTERED A NEWLY CREATED DOMAIN NAME I.E NOT REGISTERED BY ANYONE AT THE TIME OF YOUR REGISTRATION.

Some registries, for example, .com., .org, or .biz impose a 60-day lock following initial registration which cannot not be undone by a registrar. Some registrars may refuse transfer to another registrar if the transfer is requested within 60-days of creation.

CHANGE OF REGISTRANT LOCK



WHEN YOU MAKE A MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE REGISTRANT INFO, SUCH AS CHANGES TO A REGISTRANT NAME, TO THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OR TO THE REGISTRANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

When you update you registrant info or when you sell a domain name to someone and need to transfer it to them, that will involve a change in registrant and could result in a lock.

A registrar must impose a 60-day transfer lock following a change of registrant BUT a registrar may allow you to opt out of this lock prior to making the change. It is up to each Registrar whether they will allow you to opt out before changing registrants

CHANGE OF REGISTRAR LOCK

WHEN YOU TRANSFER A DOMAIN NAME TO A NEW REGISTRAR



There is no absolute requirement that a registrar must lock a domain name that you move from one registrar to another.

Registrars are free to let you move domains between registrars even when you are selling a domain name to a new registrant, provided that you have opted out of the change of registrant lock. That means that if you decide to switch from Registrar A to Registrar B, Registrar B may allow you to switch again to Registrar C, or transfer a domain name to a new owner at a different registrar altogether.