

DENIC eG – We are .de

DENIC is the central registry for all domain names under the Top Level Domain .de and thus responsible for reliable operation and technical robustness of an important resource of the Internet. Next to providing an automatic electronic registration system for managing .de domains to its members, the Cooperative operates a worldwide name server network that ensures 24/7 availability of the more than 15 million .de domains all over the world.

To register a domain with DENIC via its automatic registration system, you must either be a member of the Cooperative or use a corresponding service offered by a DENIC member, thus assuming the function of a reseller. The contractual relationship between DENIC and its members defines specific rights and obligations with regard to domain management. The DENIC members pass on these duties and obligations to their resellers.

You will find everything you need to know as a registrar in this context in the 11-items summary below. For more detailed information please visit the websites stated at the end of the paragraphs.



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## 11 THINGS REGISTRARS AND RESELLERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT .de





### 1. The DENIC registration principle

The registration of .de domains is handled strictly on a "first come, first served" basis (principle of priority). A domain name will always be assigned to the electronic request that is written to DENIC's database first.

### 2. The „domain service“

When registering a domain, the domain holder concludes a contract with DENIC for the service "domain", i.e. for permanent availability of the domain on the Internet. However, in most cases, the contract between DENIC and the domain holder is not established directly but through a service provider, i.e. you as a DENIC member or reseller. Due to this fact, you have the obligation to integrate the DENIC contracts into your domain management contract with the customer and make them known to the domain holder. The contractual documents concerned include the DENIC Domain Terms and Conditions, the DENIC Domain Guidelines and the DENICDirect Price List.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_2](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_2)*

### 3. The rights of the domain holder

It is the right of the domain holder and their administrative contact (Admin-C) to give you instructions relating to the domain at any time. You must pass on these instructions to DENIC without delay. If the domain holder requests, for example, the domain name to be deleted or wishes to get a password (AuthInfo) to transfer the domain, you must satisfy this demand, regardless whether the domain management contract you have concluded with your customer is still effective or not. It further is your duty to find out if the domain holder wants to delete the domain name or transfer it to another registrar once the domain management contract with you, has expired.

### 4. TRANSIT

If a domain holder or you terminates the domain management contract and the domain holder does not specify whether the domain name shall be deleted or moved to another registrar, administration of the domain name shall

be taken over by DENICdirect. This procedure is instigated by the DENIC member or by the reseller by submitting a TRANSIT request. Upon receipt of this request, DENIC will contact the domain holder and clarify what to do next. To avoid misunderstandings, you should inform the domain holder when you take this step. The TRANSIT procedure also is a good solution, when it has become impossible to contact the domain holder.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_4](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_4)*

### 5. Correct data

When registering a .de domain, the holder of the domain must submit correct data which is also displayed in the whois service. They further have the duty to keep this data up-to-date. If a domain holder does not meet this obligation, the domain contract may be terminated and, as a result, DENIC will delete the domain. Thus, it is in your own interest to communicate changes to data of .de domains to DENIC without delay, if only for liability reasons.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_5](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_5)*

### 6. Registrar transfer

The holder of a .de domain can transfer administration of their domain from one registrar to another at any time. To make such transfer secure, DENIC applies the so-called AuthInfo procedure. The AuthInfo procedure works as follows: The losing registrar stores a transfer password for the domain (AuthInfo) with DENIC and provides it to the domain holder. The gaining registrar then can request a transfer with this AuthInfo password, and the domain is transferred subsequently to this new registrar without delay.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_6](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_6)*

### 7. Name server

It is the responsibility of the domain holder to ensure that the name servers for their .de domain are in accordance with the DENIC Guidelines. However, normally it is the registrar who makes sure that the name server configuration

is correct. If the name servers are not in line with DENIC's requirements, this may lead to a termination of the domain contract and the deletion of the domain by DENIC. You find the tool „NAST“ (NameServerTester) and related documentation on our websites to check your name server configuration.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_7](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_7)*

### 8. NSEntry

You also have the option to register a .de domain without stating any name server at all. In this case, you are free to enter up to five resource records directly in the .de zone file for each domain.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_8](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_8)*

### 9. DNSSEC

DENIC supports DNSSEC. Thus, you can store DNSSEC key material for each administered .de domain. Note! NSEntry domains are signed automatically by DENIC and thus DNSSEC-enabled without further efforts.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_9](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_9)*

### 10. DISPUTE

If a third party feels that their rights have been infringed because they are of the opinion that they are entitled to a .de domain name, DENIC offers this party the option to place a DISPUTE entry on the domain concerned. To make use of this option, the party must render proof to DENIC that it might have a right to the domain name. The party must further declare to DENIC that it has claimed this right vis-à-vis the domain holder. It is then impossible to change the holder of the domain until the dispute has been settled.

*Link: [denic.de/things-you-need-to-know\\_10](http://denic.de/things-you-need-to-know_10)*

### 11. Deletion of a .de domain

DENIC will delete a .de domain immediately upon receipt of a corresponding request. There is no waiting period or similar.

