

Domain Name Life Cycle

Most .NG domain names can be registered for a period of 1-5 years. This article explains the domain name lifecycle from registration to deletion. This rule, stated below does not apply to gov.ng and mil.ng domain names.

1. Domain name is Registered or Renewed

Domain names can be registered or renewed for period of 1-5 years as long as the period does not cross the maximum allowed period from the registration or renewal date.

2. Domain name expires, Beginning of Renewal Grace Period

Once the domain name expires, it enters "Renewal Grace Period (RGP)" of 60 days within which it is available to the Registrant. During the first 30 days of the Renewal Grace Period, the domain owner through a Registrar, can renew their domain names at any time without penalty. However, a Registrar cannot transfer the domain name to another Registrar, unless it is renewed.

3. Suspension Period, End of Renewal Grace Period

From 30 days to 60 days after expiry, the domain name goes into Suspension Period; the same conditions stated above applies. During this period, the domain name is no longer available and all services associated with the domain name (e.g., website, emails, etc.) will automatically not be available. The Registrant will only need to contact the Registrar for renewal.

4. Sixty (60) days after expiration

Sixty days after the domain name expires, DNS server of the domain name is no longer available & all services associated with the domain name (e.g., website, emails) will automatically not be available. The domain goes into Redemption Period Status.

5. End of Renewal Grace Period, Beginning of Redemption Period

At the end of Renewal Grace Period, the domain name goes into Redemption Period status for 28 days. During the "Redemption Period" the domain owner can still redeem their domain name through the Registrar with a domain restoration fee.

6. Redemption Period Ends, Queued for Deletion

88 days after expiration, the Redemption Period ends. The domain name will be placed in a "Pending Delete" status at the registry for up to 14 days. During this time, it is not possible for the Registrar to redeem, recover or renew the domain name. The only way to retrieve the domain is to make a request to the Registry through the Registrar.

7. Domain name is Deleted, Made available for Registration

After the 14 days Pending Delete period, the domain name will be released by the Registry. At this point, the domain will be available to the general public for registration on "First come First served basis".



Figure 1: This Diagram is for Registrar/Registrant without administrative intervention

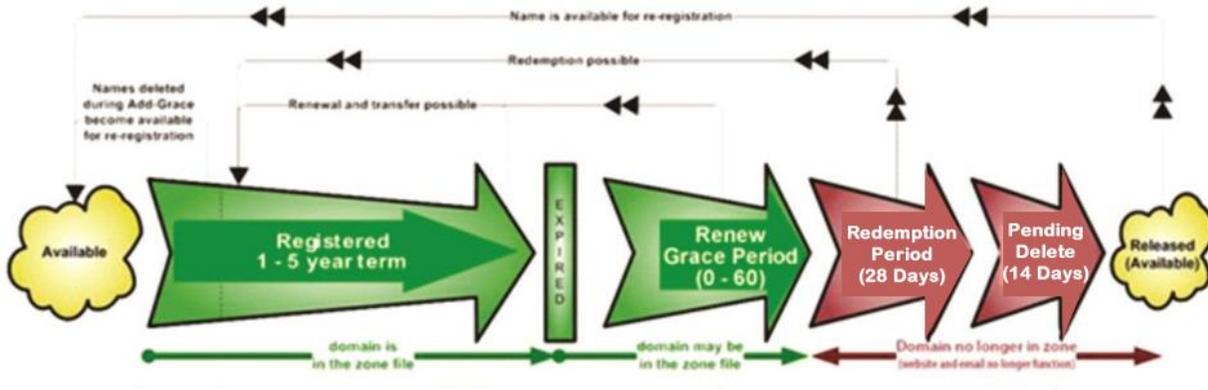


Figure 2: Domain life Cycle Flow