

Domain Lifecycle & ICANN EPP Status Codes Cheat Sheet

Standard ICANN EPP status codes, domain expiration timeline stages, redemption grace periods, and WHOIS flags.

Live Interactive WHOIS & RDAP Domain Lookup: <https://lotsofnetwork.com/whois-lookup>

EPP Status Code	Lifecycle State	ICANN Meaning & Operational Impact
ok / active	Normal	Domain is registered, active, and resolving in DNS with no locks or pending disputes
clientTransferProhibited	Locked	Registrar lock preventing unauthorized domain transfers (Standard security lock)
clientUpdateProhibited	Locked	Registrar lock preventing unauthorized contact or nameserver modifications
clientDeleteProhibited	Locked	Registrar lock preventing accidental or malicious domain deletion
serverHold	Suspended	Registry-level suspension. DNS resolution is halted immediately (billing / legal issue)
autoRenewPeriod	Expired	Temporary 1-45 day grace period where registrar auto-renews while awaiting customer payment
redemptionPeriod	Deleted	30-day grace period where original registrant can restore domain for penalty fee (\$80-\$250)
pendingDelete	Purging	Final 5-day holding stage before domain is released back to public for registration

Domain Expiration Lifecycle Timeline (From Active to Dropped)

Lifecycle Stage	Timeline Window	Registrant Rights & Recovery Conditions
Active (Year 1 - 10)	Until Expiry	Domain is fully active, resolving DNS, and manageable via registrar dashboard.
Auto-Renew Grace Period	Day 1 to 40	DNS stops resolving. Original owner can renew at normal regular price without penalty.
Redemption Grace Period	Day 41 to 70	Registry holds domain. Original owner must pay high redemption fee + renewal to recover.
Pending Delete (5-Day Drop)	Day 71 to 75	Domain cannot be restored. At Day 75, it drops and becomes available for anyone to register.