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Country Code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) Delegations and Transfers

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What is the ccTLD Delegation and Transfer Process?

- ⦿ It is the process to assign or re-assign a ccTLD to a manager.
- ⦿ It involves a number of organizations and individuals.
- ⦿ It takes into account criteria related to the basic principles that the manager be a responsible and technically competent trustee of the domain on behalf of the national and global Internet communities.

Transfer
“formerly known as”
Redelegation

In October 2014, the ccNSO published the final report on the Framework of Interpretation of current policies and guidelines pertaining to the delegation and redelegation of ccTLDs.

In its report, the ccNSO recommended that the term “redelegation” be replaced with the term “Transfer.”

Who is involved?

Requester

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Usually an individual representing the proposed manager initiates the process by submitting a formal delegation or transfer request.

Proposed Manager

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The organization which will assume the responsibility of managing the ccTLD.

Significant Stakeholders

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Those parties who have an interest in and are affected by how a ccTLD is operated. Their opinions are important in assessing the public interest aspect of the request.

Incumbent Manager

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The current manager of a ccTLD in the transfer process. Provides consent of the transfer request.

Respective Government

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The respective government is consulted to indicate either support or non-objection for the delegation or transfer request.

IANA Functions Operator

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Responsible for the receipt, verification and processing of the request.

Delegation and Transfer Criteria

The supporting documentation is reviewed to ensure the request meets the following criteria:

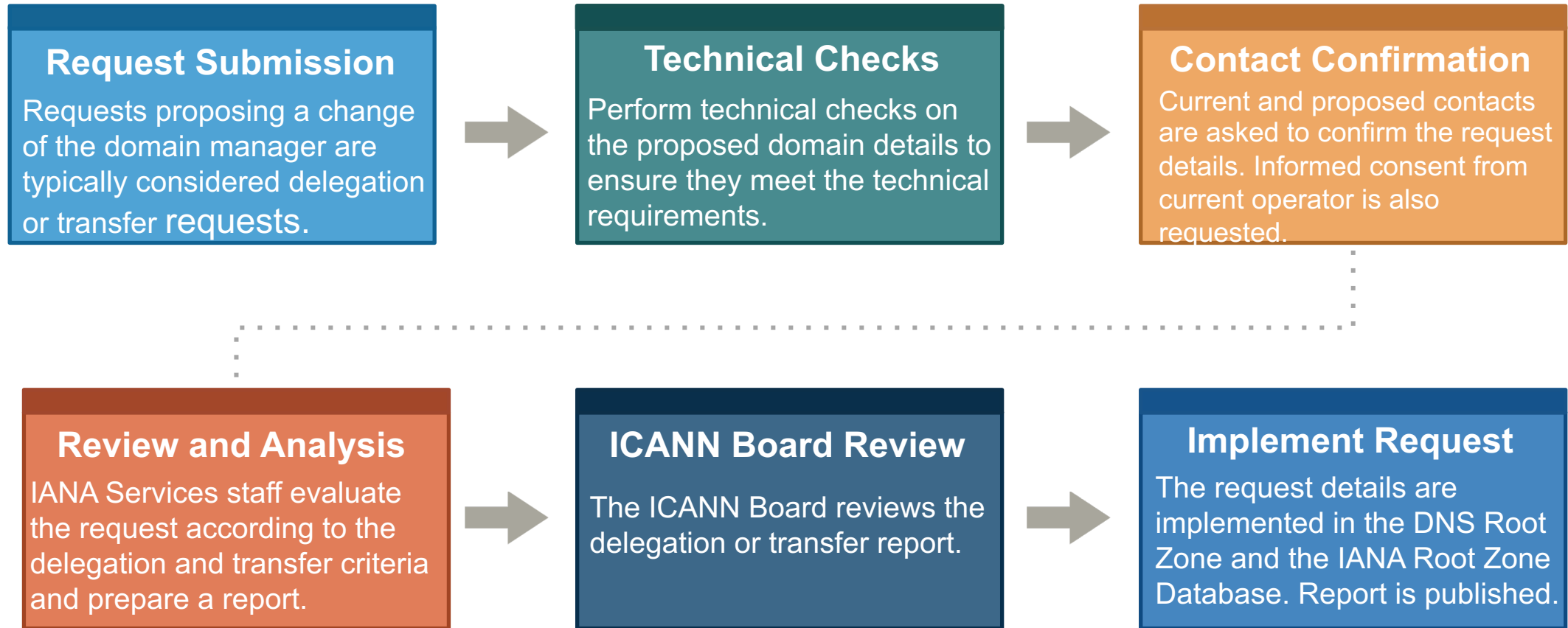
1. Complete request details
2. String eligibility
3. Technical and administrative competency
4. Organizational structure
5. Consent of the incumbent manager (if applicable)
6. Serves the local Internet community's interest
7. Government review and consideration
8. Stable transfer plan (if applicable)

Government Review and Consideration

- ⦿ The requester is asked to provide documentation indicating the relevant governments have been informed about the request.
- ⦿ The documentation typically includes a statement of support or non-objection from an authorized representative of the government.



Process Steps



Why Such an Involved Process?

- ⦿ **Thorough evaluations:** IANA Services staff evaluate each delegation and transfer request to ensure it meets the criteria
- ⦿ **Maintain Stability of the Domain Name System (DNS)**
 - Stability of the root zone
 - Stability of the domain and minimal disruption to registrants
- ⦿ **Preserving the interests of impacted parties**
- ⦿ **Distinguish transfer type**
 - Administrative transfer
 - Full transfer

Common Questions

- ⦿ How long does a delegation/transfer request take?
- ⦿ Is it appropriate for a regulator to be the TLD Manager?
- ⦿ Does the government or regulator have to be the manager to have involvement in deciding how the domain is operated?
- ⦿ If a company runs an existing ccTLD, can it provide less supporting documentation?
- ⦿ If a company simply changes its name, does it need to complete a full transfer request?
- ⦿ If a registry's technical operations are outsourced, which organization should be listed as the TLD manager?
- ⦿ For a complete Q&A please see: <https://www.iana.org/help/cctld-delegation-answers>

Useful links

Guide on ccTLD Delegation and Transfer Requests:

<https://www.iana.org/help/cctld-delegation>

Request Submission (RZMS link and change request template):

<https://www.iana.org/domains/root/manage>

Technical Requirements for Authoritative Name Servers:

<https://www.iana.org/help/nameserver-requirements>

Preparing an Operational and Technical Plan:

<https://www.iana.org/help/operational-plans>

IANA Services Operator Email:

root-mgmt@iana.org



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