

Questions arising from nom-steer and other Fora

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1. Domain name transfer (process & payment).

The security of the domain name transfer process has been questioned.

The question for the PAB/Nominet is: is the process as secure as it can be?

Also: Nominet charge £30.00 + Vat for the paper based transfer.

The questions for the PAB/Nominet are:

- (a)** *Can it be done electronically?*
 - (b)** *Can it be done for free?*
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1. Lock State

Whilst this was previously discussed by the PAB, and no further action taken, the issue of bogus domain name transfers has been raised again and a lock state would re-assure bona fide registrants that their domain names are safe.

Suggested procedure: domain names would automatically be locked at the time of registration or renewal and only Tag Holders and/or Nominet could unlock them for the purposes of tag or registrant transfer.

The question for the PAB is; do you agree with the introduction of a lock state and should we ask Nominet to fast track this?

2. Warning period when opting registrant back-in.

Currently, when Nominet identifies an incorrectly opted-out registration, the registrant is opted back in immediately. A 5 day grace period has been requested before the opt-in takes effect. Reasons for this can be discussed (if necessary) at the PAB table.

The question for the PAB is: do you agree a 5 day grace period is warranted and appropriate?
