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The Swedish Internet Foundation has introduced automatic renewal of .se and .nu domains at the registrar level (with the option to opt out). Automatic renewal was automatically turned on for all registrars on 2 January 2023.

From the launch of automatic renewal (auto renewal), the domains will automatically be renewed by the registry in cases where the registrar has not chosen to cancel the domain before the domain's expiry date.

For those registrars who do *not* want automatic renewal, the functionality needs to be turned off, a so-called OPT-OUT, by logging on to the registrar website, registry.se, and manage this in the registrar account.

What does automatic renewal mean?

With automatic renewal, the domain will be renewed annually by the Swedish Internet Foundation until the domain is actively deregistered by the registrar. The renewal will take effect on the expiration date of the domain and will be valid for the following 12 months.

(Manual renewal can be used via the EPP renew command even if automatic renewal is turned on.)

What does 'manual renewal' mean?

At the holder's request, the registrar renews the registration period for the holder's domain. The domain can be renewed for any period of at least 12 months and a maximum of 120 months. Renewal can take place until the domain's deregistration date, "Delete date".

Technical details about automatic renewal:

- For the domains that have the expired or deactivated status when auto-renewal is switched on, no automatic renewal will take place. If there is a need for them to be renewed, this needs to be done via manual renewal (EPP command "renew").
- On the domain's expiration date, the domain will be automatically renewed for 12 months if "Client Delete" is not set for the domain. Automatic renewal occurs even if a domain is under ongoing ATF or owner control.

If a domain is not to be renewed, the registrar must deregister the domain; this is done by one of the following occurring before the domain's expiry date:

-Submit the EPP command delete for the domain; then the domain is deactivated immediately and deregistered after 60 days.

-Via the EPP command domain:update, client delete is set to 1; then the domain is deactivated immediately and deregistered after 60 days.

-*New functionality:* Via the EPP command domain:update, client delete is set to 1, together with specifying that the domain should be deactivated later. The domain is then deactivated when its expiration date occurs and is deregistered after 60 days.

For technical details see the EPP manual:

<https://support.registry.se/en/downloads/files/epp-rules-policies-and-protocol-description>

and XML schema iis-1.2.xml:

<https://support.registry.se/en/downloads/files/iis-1-2-xml>

- A domain can be reactivated by setting client delete to 0 via the domain:update command. If the domain has expired, and the status is expired or deactivated when it occurs, the domain is automatically renewed.
- Manual renewal can be used via the EPP renew command even if automatic renewal is turned on.
- When an automatic renewal takes place, the domain is renewed for 12 months and the registrar is charged for this on the next invoice. To avoid this charge, the deregistration request must be made before the domain's expiration date.

No credit will be provided for domains that have been automatically renewed, so it is important that domains are deregistered in time.