

# ccTLD Delegation and Transfer Process

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# Process Overview

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# Initial Evaluation

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- Request is to delegate or transfer a ccTLD
  - Supplied data is clear that the request is for the full ccTLD delegation or transfer process, the supplied data is well-formed and consistent
- String Eligibility
  - The string is eligible to be delegated (or remain delegated)
- Supporting Documentation Provided
  - Our team reviews any supporting documentation that has been provided to ensure the request meets the ccTLD delegation and transfer criteria
  - We notify the requester if further documentation or clarification is needed

# Technical Check

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- Technical checks are identical to routine root zone change requests.
- Name Servers are responding
- Name Servers return correct data
- DNS data can be verified using supplied DNSSEC DS records
- Supplied email addresses work
- Whois and RDAP servers are valid
- Registry URL is valid
- Full list of name server technical requirements:  
<https://www.iana.org/help/nameserver-requirements>

# Demonstrate Consent / Regulatory Check

- Existing contacts agree to change
- New contacts agree to their new responsibilities
- Incumbent manager provides consent that meets criteria
  - We provide a pro-forma that can be used, but is not mandatory
- Request is reviewed to ensure it meets legal requirements

**Consent to transfer a ccTLD from incumbent manager**

Incumbent Manager  
Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organisation Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Top-Level Domain(s) to be transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby confirm (initial each section):

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a representative of the above named incumbent ccTLD manager, and I am an officer of the organization that is authorized to make these representations on behalf of the organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm I am neither the administrative nor technical contact person listed in the IANA Root Zone Database for the top-level domain(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that transferring a ccTLD involves undertaking all necessary steps to transfer the incumbent manager's role as trustee for the ccTLD to the proposed manager, including, without limitation, changing the entry in the IANA Root Zone Database.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that following my consent to transfer, if this change request satisfies the other requirements to transfer the domain, the IANA Functions Operator will commence executing this transfer to the proposed manager in accordance with the request submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that prior to the IANA Functions Operator processing the transfer request and establishing the transfer meets requirements under the relevant policies and procedures, I remain the recognized ccTLD manager for the domain(s), and will not materially transfer operations of the domain to the proposed manager beyond any necessary coordination steps to prepare for the proposed transfer.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the IANA Functions Operator is not obligated to inform me of consequences of this transfer outside of its control.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have considered seeking legal advice prior to granting this consent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm this consent is freely given, that the incumbent manager has not been coerced, compelled or threatened to provide consent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this consent will be part of the public record associated with the transfer for the top-level domain(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ **I hereby consent, on behalf of the above named incumbent manager, to the transfer of the above-named top-level domain(s) to the following proposed manager:**  
Proposed Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

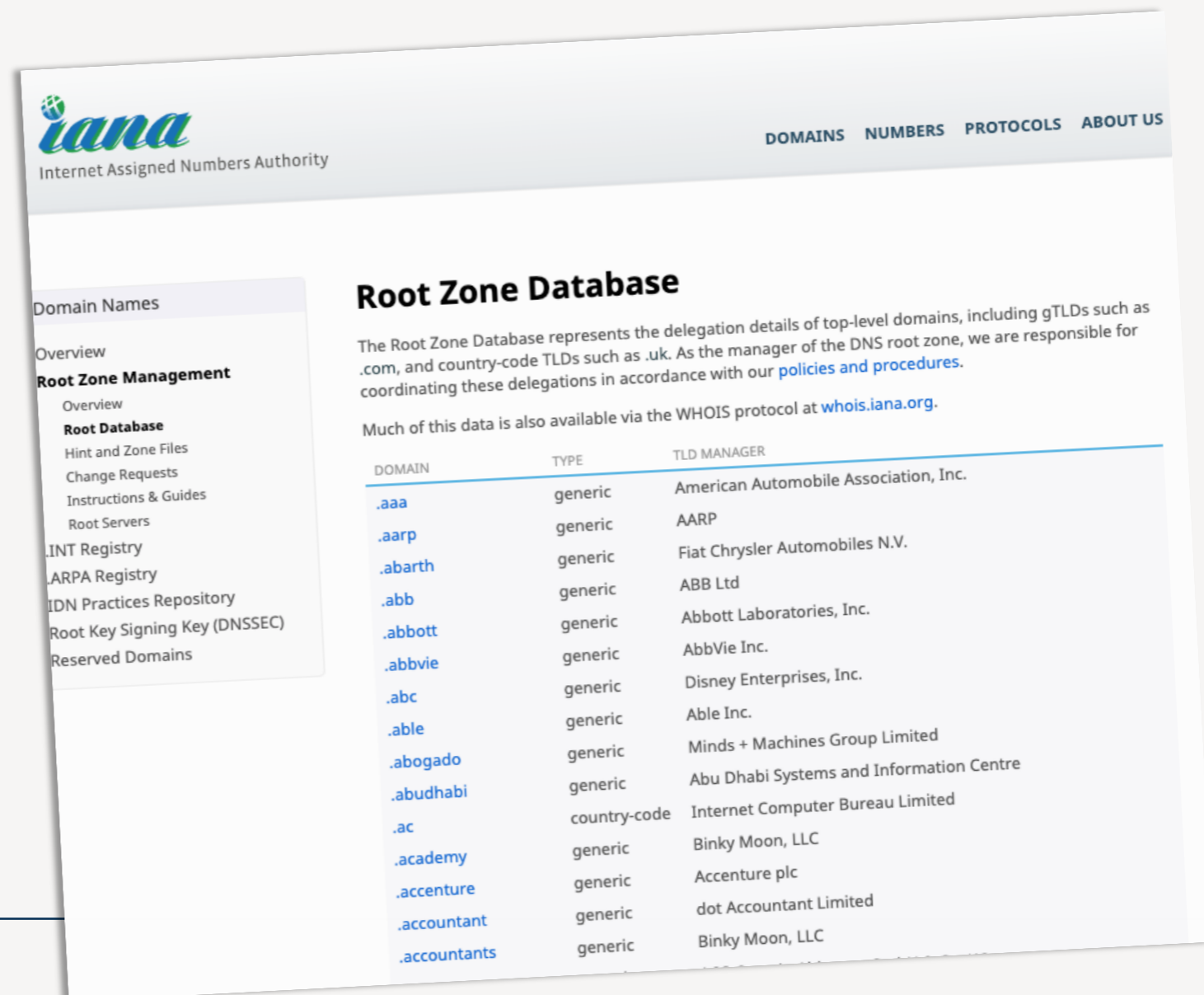
# Staff Evaluation and Findings

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- We evaluate the request and supporting documentation that may include, but is not limited to:
  - Operational and technical competencies of the proposed manager
  - Organization’s legal status and geographic location
  - Chronology of community events and statements from significantly interested parties
  - Government review and consideration
  - Registration policies
  - Transfer or implementation plan
- We make a determination and prepare a report of the findings
- The ICANN Board of Directors reviews a report of our findings to ensure that the proper procedures were followed in evaluating the request.

# Implementation

- Technical checks are re-performed (in the intervening time during evaluation, situation may have changed)
- The changes are implemented in the Root Zone and the Root Zone Database



The screenshot shows the IANA website's 'Root Zone Database' page. The page header includes the IANA logo and navigation links for 'DOMAINS', 'NUMBERS', 'PROTOCOLS', and 'ABOUT US'. A sidebar on the left lists various domain management topics, with 'Root Zone Management' expanded to show 'Root Database' as the selected option. The main content area features a title 'Root Zone Database', a descriptive paragraph, and a table listing domain entries.

**Root Zone Database**

The Root Zone Database represents the delegation details of top-level domains, including gTLDs such as .com, and country-code TLDs such as .uk. As the manager of the DNS root zone, we are responsible for coordinating these delegations in accordance with our [policies and procedures](#).

Much of this data is also available via the WHOIS protocol at [whois.iana.org](http://whois.iana.org).

DOMAIN	TYPE	TLD MANAGER
<a href="#">.aaa</a>	generic	American Automobile Association, Inc.
<a href="#">.aarp</a>	generic	AARP
<a href="#">.abarth</a>	generic	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.
<a href="#">.abb</a>	generic	ABB Ltd
<a href="#">.abbott</a>	generic	Abbott Laboratories, Inc.
<a href="#">.abbvie</a>	generic	AbbVie Inc.
<a href="#">.abc</a>	generic	Disney Enterprises, Inc.
<a href="#">.able</a>	generic	Able Inc.
<a href="#">.abogado</a>	generic	Minds + Machines Group Limited
<a href="#">.abudhabi</a>	generic	Abu Dhabi Systems and Information Centre
<a href="#">.ac</a>	country-code	Internet Computer Bureau Limited
<a href="#">.academy</a>	generic	Binky Moon, LLC
<a href="#">.accenture</a>	generic	Accenture plc
<a href="#">.accountant</a>	generic	dot Accountant Limited
<a href="#">.accountants</a>	generic	Binky Moon, LLC

Thank you!