

PPSAI – Category B – Maintenance of Privacy / Proxy Services

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Registrar Transfer and Options for PPSAI Working Group

(A few questions to consider to help Registrants seeking privacy during the transfer process)

1. WDRP, Renewal Notifications, etc.

- 1.1. The WG/Subteam should consider requirements for P/P services to relay “ICANN-Critical” communications from the Registrar to the P/P customer.
- 1.2. These would include WDRP annual reminders, and renewal/expiry notifications required under the ERRP.
- 1.3. Other messages from the registrar might also be designated as critical, e.g. status changes to contacts or nameservers.

2. Inter-Registrar Transfers (IRTP)

2.1. The WG/Subteam should consider scenarios where either the gaining or losing registrar employs a P/P service, or both.

2.2. The four use cases can be arranged in a grid:

A. Non-Private to Non-Private (Current IRTP)	B. Private to Non-Private
C. Non-Private to Private	D. Private to Private

- A. No P/P service involvement, (status quo under current IRTP)
- B. Losing registrar has affiliated P/P, Gaining does not.
- C. Gaining registrar has affiliated P/P, Losing does not.
- D. Both Gaining and Losing registrars have affiliated P/P which the customer has opted to use.

2.3. The right-side column (B & D) would require some method for registrars and their affiliated P/P services to exchange protected contact data, such as a hash function. This exchange would provide additional protection for the transfer of the domain name also requires transfer of the AUTHINFO code.

3. Transfers in the event of a failed Registrar

3.1. Existing IRTP almost sufficiently cover this scenario.

3.2. Registrant and underlying P/P data is currently included in data escrow.

3.3. If both files are passed on to a gaining registrar with an affiliated proxy or privacy service and used as a basis for registration in the new p/p service, than the privacy of customers would continue to be protected even as numerous Registrants pass from a failed or de-accredited Registrar to another Registrar.