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Most gTLD domains - this means domains under **ICANN regulation** - do know a special status: **Redemption Grace Period**, often referred to as "RGP".

What does this mean?

A domain usually will be **deleted** for two reasons:

- explicit request from the customer
- domain is not renewed and therefore has expired

A domain will **not be deleted immediately** from the database of the registry. Instead, for **up to 30 days** following the deletion, the domain can **not** be registered again, but the registrar responsible for the domain has the option to "reanimate" (**restore**) the domain again on behalf of the registrant.

This option is intended to salvage rather rare cases of renewal problems, before the final deletion of a domain.

Important: Please note that Joker.com does additionally add a grace period of up to 30 days for expired domains. This means, that for regular expired domains, the 30 days of the "Redemption Grace Period" will start **after** the 30 days of Joker.com's grace period.

This is also depends on the type of domain, and the registry operating the domain.

A domain name which is in Redemption still can be restored ("re-registered"), using either the [Redemption Restore Procedure](#) to restore your domain, or by [browsing the pool](#) of all available domains in RGP.

Since most registries define this to be a special procedure, this usually also has a different price tag.

The pricing differs depending on the type of domain, please have a look into the [price list](#).

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Please also note: After a successful restore of a domain name from RGP, a transfer to another registrar is not possible for another **30 days**.

After 30 days in RGP, the status of the domain will change to "**pending delete**" for **5 days**. During these 5 days, a restore is not possible any more.

On the **6th day after the deletion**, the domain is **available to be registered again**.

To provide fair conditions for all, the exact time for when a new registration is possible is **randomly chosen**.

Please find out more about [a domain's life cycle](#).

However, please note that before Joker.com deletes a domain, the responsible contacts of this domain will be [notified several times by email](#). Please find the exact scheme of notifications in [ERRP - Expired Registration Recovery Policy](#).

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