

Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2025-2: Clarify 8.5.1 Registration Services Agreement

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Problem Statement

Current Text (25 February 2025)

The current policy mandates that entities receiving transferred resources sign a new RSA unless they have an RSA on file no older than the last two versions. However, defining RSA versioning requirements within the NRPM does not align with the Policy Development Process (PDP) guidelines, as determining which RSA version is considered current is a business decision rather than a policy matter.

Policy Statement



Remove (within the last two versions) from 8.5.1 to state:

The receiving entity must sign an RSA covering all resources to be transferred unless that entity has a current RSA on file per ARIN business practices.

History



Action	Date
Proposal	10 February 2025
Draft Policy	25 February 2025
Recommended Draft Policy	1 July 2025

Statement of Conformance



Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2025-2 conforms to the principles of the ARIN Policy Development Process. This policy, if adopted, will allow ARIN the flexibility needed for effective operations by returning the decision to ARIN on what the current version of the RSA regarding transfers under 8.5 in the Number Resource Policy Manual. It is fair, impartial, technically sound and has received support from the community.

Staff and Legal Review



Staff Understanding: Current transfer policy 8.5.1 defines the current RSA to be “within the last two versions”. ARIN business practices for determination of what constitutes “current” under any given business conditions are constrained by the number resource policy text. The current wording of the policy is overly specific and requires that ARIN either utilize the same definition elsewhere or have inconsistent practices across different business functions.

This Draft Policy will remove “within the last two versions” from section 8.5.1, allowing ARIN the flexibility needed for effective operations.



Staff and Legal Review



Implementable as Written?: Yes

Impact on ARIN Registry Operations and Services: None

Legal Review: No material legal issue

Implementation Timeframe Estimate: 3 Months

Implementation Requirements:

- Staff Training
- Updates to public documentation
- Updates to internal procedures and guidelines

Proposal/Draft Policy Text Assessed: 25 February 2025

Community Feedback



Feedback from the Public Policy Mailing List was overall in favor of this proposed policy change:

"This change seems reasonable. Letting this be a business decision seems okay."

Policy Impact



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Questions for the Community



Do you support this policy as written?