

## **8. Transfers**

### **8.1. Principles**

Number resources are nontransferable and are not assignable to any other organization unless ARIN has expressly and in writing approved a request for transfer. ARIN is tasked with making prudent decisions on whether to approve the transfer of number resources.

It should be understood that number resources are not 'sold' under ARIN administration. Rather, number resources are assigned to an organization for its exclusive use for the purpose stated in the request, provided the terms of the Registration Services Agreement continue to be met and the stated purpose for the number resources remains the same. Number resources are administered and assigned according to ARIN's published policies.

Number resources are issued, based on justified need, to organizations, not to individuals representing those organizations. Thus, if a company goes out of business, regardless of the reason, the point of contact (POC) listed for the number resource does not have the authority to sell, transfer, assign, or give the number resource to any other person or organization. The POC must notify ARIN if a business fails so the assigned number resources can be returned to the available pool of number resources if a transfer is not requested and justified.

### **8.2. Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations**

ARIN will consider requests for the transfer of number resources in the case of mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations under the following conditions:

- The current registrant must not be involved in any dispute as to the status of the resources to be transferred.
- The new entity must sign an RSA covering all resources to be transferred.
- The resources to be transferred will be subject to ARIN policies.
- The minimum transfer size is the smaller of the original allocation size or the applicable minimum allocation size in current policy.
- For mergers and acquisition transfers, the recipient entity must provide evidence that they have acquired assets that use the resources to be transferred from the current registrant. ARIN will maintain an up-to-date list of acceptable types of documentation.

ARIN will proceed with processing transfer requests even if the number resources of the combined organizations exceed what can be justified under current ARIN [transfer policy as defined in section 8.5](#). In that event, ARIN will work with the resource holder(s) to transfer the extra number resources to other organization(s) or accept a voluntary return of the extra number resources to ARIN.

### **8.3. Transfers between Specified Recipients within the ARIN Region**

In addition to transfers under section 8.2, IPv4 numbers resources and ASNs may be transferred according to the following conditions.

Conditions on source of the transfer:

- The source entity must be the current registered holder of the IPv4 address resources, and not be involved in any dispute as to the status of those resources.
- ~~The source entity will be ineligible to receive any further IPv4 address allocations or assignments from ARIN for a period of 12 months after a transfer approval, or until the exhaustion of ARIN's IPv4 space, whichever occurs first.~~
- The source entity must not have received a transfer, allocation, or assignment of IPv4 number resources from ARIN for the 12 months prior to the approval of a transfer request. This restriction does not include M&A transfers.
- ~~The minimum transfer size is a /24~~

Conditions on recipient of the transfer:

- The recipients must meet the transfer requirements as defined in section 8.5. ~~The recipient must demonstrate the need for up to a 24-month supply of IP address resources under current ARIN policies and~~
- ~~The recipient must sign an RSA.~~
- The resources transferred will be subject to current ARIN policies.

#### 8.4. Inter-RIR Transfers to Specified Recipients

Inter-regional transfers may take place only via RIRs who agree to the transfer and share reciprocal, compatible, needs-based policies.

Conditions on source of the transfer:

- The source entity must be the current rights holder of the IPv4 address resources recognized by the RIR responsible for the resources, and not be involved in any dispute as to the status of those resources.
- Source entities outside of the ARIN region must meet any requirements defined by the RIR where the source entity holds the registration.
- ~~Source entities within the ARIN region will not be eligible to receive any further IPv4 address allocations or assignments from ARIN for a period of 12 months after a transfer approval, or until the exhaustion of ARIN's IPv4 space, whichever occurs first.~~
- Source entities within the ARIN region must not have received a transfer, allocation, or assignment of IPv4 number resources from ARIN for the 12 months prior to the approval of a transfer request. This restriction does not include M&A transfers.
- ~~The minimum transfer size is a /24.~~

Conditions on recipient of the transfer:

- The conditions on a recipient outside of the ARIN region will be defined by the policies of the receiving RIR.
- [Recipients within the ARIN region must meet the transfer requirements as defined in section 8.5.](#)
- Recipients within the ARIN region will be subject to current ARIN policies ~~and sign an RSA for the resources being received.~~
- ~~Recipients within the ARIN region must demonstrate the need for up to a 24-month supply of IPv4 address space.~~
- ~~The minimum transfer size is a /24.~~

## **8.5. Specified Transfer Recipient Requirements**

### **8.5.1. Registration Services Agreement**

[Transfer recipients must sign an RSA for the resources being received.](#)

### **8.5.2. Operational Use**

[ARIN allocates or assigns blocks of IP addresses to organizations via transfer solely for the purpose of use on an operational network.](#)

### **8.5.3. Minimum transfer size**

[ARIN's minimum transfer size is a /24.](#)

### **8.5.4. Initial block**

[Organizations without direct assignments or allocations from ARIN qualify for transfer of an initial block of ARIN's minimum transfer size.](#)

### **8.5.5. Block size**

[Organizations may qualify for the transfer of a larger initial block, or an additional block, by providing documentation to ARIN which details the use of at least 50% of the requested block size within 24 months. An officer of the organization shall attest to the documentation provided to ARIN.](#)

### **8.5.6. Efficient utilization of previous blocks**

Organizations with direct assignments or allocations from ARIN must have efficiently utilized at least 50% of every block in order to receive additional space. This includes all space reassigned to their customers.