

## MAIN.10.4. Contact Registration Values

Contact objects as described in RFC5733 can be maintained by registrars via EPP. These contact objects can be linked to domain objects as registrant, admin-c or tech-c (depending on the actual policy of the respective TLD). The number of allowed/required contacts per role is subject to the individual TLD's policy definition. Moreover, depending on the registry policy, no contact objects might be allowed at all (thin registry).

### Contact Object Lifecycle

The actual lifecycle is simple: A contact object can be created and deleted. Transfer command on contact objects is not allowed. Delete is disallowed when the contact object is linked to any domain object.

The following sections describe the two states of a contact object:

#### AVAILABLE

The contact object does not exist in the Registry, and can be created using the "create contact" EPP command.

- EPP Status values: n/a
- RDAP Status values: n/a

#### REGISTERED

The contact object exists, and might be linked to domain objects. Contact Objects can only be deleted by the sponsoring registrar, and only if they are not linked to any domain object. Possible status values for registered contacts objects are:

EPP Status values	Corresponding RDAP Status values
ok	active
linked	associated
clientDeleteProhibited	client delete prohibited
serverDeleteProhibited	server delete prohibited
clientUpdateProhibited	client update prohibited
serverUpdateProhibited	server update prohibited

The registry system has the capability to automatically delete contacts that have not linked to any domain for a certain (configurable) time period. The configuration of this timeframe is up to the individual registry policy.