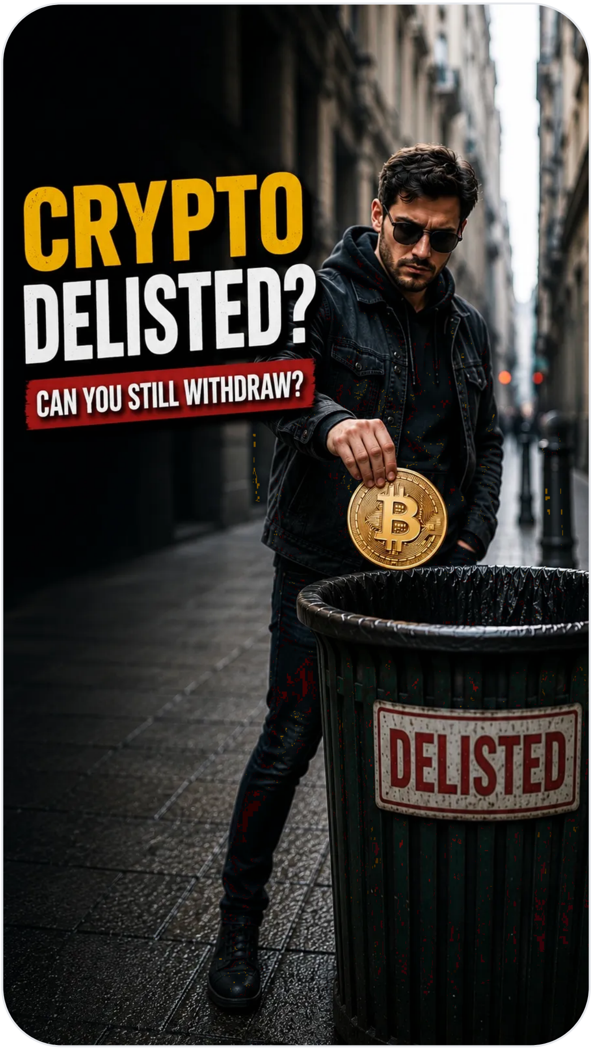


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# What Happens When a Crypto Exchange Delists a Coin?

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You open your exchange account and see an announcement:

"This token will be delisted."

If you already own the coin, the immediate questions are usually:

Will I lose my crypto?

Do I have to sell it?

Can I still withdraw it?

What happens if I do nothing?

A crypto delisting does not automatically mean your coins disappear or become worthless.

A delisting normally means that a particular exchange has decided to stop supporting trading for an asset. The blockchain and the cryptocurrency itself may continue operating, and the token may remain available on other exchanges or in self-custody wallets.

But there is an important catch:

After an exchange delists an asset, you usually have a limited period to decide what to do with the coins you still hold there.

Trading may stop first. Deposits may be disabled. Withdrawals may remain available for weeks or months, but eventually they can also be suspended.

What happens after that final withdrawal deadline depends on the exchange. It may automatically convert or liquidate the remaining balance, leave the asset inaccessible, support a token migration, or follow another procedure announced for that specific delisting.

Recent Kraken delistings illustrate this clearly. In its June 2026 delisting cycle, Kraken disabled deposits and trading on June 29, kept withdrawals available until September 25, and scheduled liquidation of remaining balances for September 28 through October 2.

So the most important thing when you see a delisting announcement is not to panic.

It is to find the deadlines.

## Quick Answer: What Happens to Your Crypto After a Delisting?

A typical delisting may look like this:

| Stage | What Usually Happens |
|---|---|
| Delisting announced | Exchange publishes affected asset and deadlines |
| Deposits suspended | You can no longer send more of the coin to the exchange |
| Trading stops | You can no longer buy or sell the asset there |
| Open orders canceled | Existing spot orders may be removed automatically |
| Coin becomes untradable | Balance may remain visible but cannot be traded |
| Withdrawal window remains open | You can often move the coin to another wallet |
| Withdrawal deadline arrives | Exchange stops supporting withdrawals |
| Remaining balances | May be liquidated, converted, frozen/inaccessible, or handled under a migration plan |

The exact order and timing vary by exchange.

For example, OKX's March 2026 delisting of RSS3, MEMEFI, GHST, RIO, and SWEAT suspended deposits, removed the trading pairs, moved remaining assets to an “Untradable assets” area, and allowed withdrawals only until June 12, 2026.

## What Does Crypto Delisting Mean?

A crypto exchange lists an asset when it makes the cryptocurrency available for trading.

For example:

ABC/USDT

may allow users to buy and sell ABC against USDT.

A delisting occurs when the exchange removes that asset or its trading markets from the platform.

Binance's current educational definition describes delisting as removing a cryptocurrency or token from a trading platform. Once the asset itself is delisted, its trading pairs are removed,d and users can no longer trade it on that platform.

But there is an important distinction.

## Trading Pair Delisting vs Full Token Delisting

Not every announcement containing the word delisting means the cryptocurrency itself is being completely removed.

This distinction can prevent unnecessary panic.

Trading Pair Delisting

Suppose an exchange offers:

ABC/USDT

ABC/BTC

ABC/USDC

The exchange might remove:

ABC/BTC

while continuing:

ABC/USDT

In that situation, ABC itself has not necessarily been removed from the exchange.

Only one market has disappeared.

You may still be able to:

- Buy ABC

- Sell ABC
- Deposit ABC
- Withdraw ABC

through the remaining supported services.

Binance, for example, has explicitly stated in spot-pair removal notices that removing a particular spot trading pair does not necessarily affect the availability of the underlying tokens when other trading pairs remain available.

Full Asset Delisting

A full delisting is more significant.

The exchange may eventually discontinue:

- Trading
- Deposits
- Convert services
- Withdrawals
- Other products associated with the asset

That is the type of delisting this article primarily addresses.

Whenever you see an announcement, therefore, first ask:

Is the exchange removing one trading pair, or is it ending support for the asset itself?

Do not make decisions based only on a headline.

## Why Do Crypto Exchanges Delist Coins?

An exchange can delist a cryptocurrency for many reasons.

Delisting does not always mean the project is a scam or has failed.

Exchanges regularly review the assets they support.

Potential reasons include:

- Low trading volume
- Poor liquidity
- Reduced development activity
- Network instability
- Smart-contract problems
- Security concerns
- Changes in the project team
- Lack of communication from the project
- Failure to satisfy exchange due-diligence requests
- Regulatory or compliance concerns
- Project shutdown
- Token migration
- Major tokenomics changes
- Fraudulent or unethical conduct

Binance describes factors such as project-team commitment, development activity, trading volume and liquidity, network and smart-contract stability, public communication, due-diligence responsiveness, and evidence of fraudulent or unethical conduct as considerations in ongoing token reviews.

Kraken similarly describes its 2026 delisting cycles as applying to assets that no longer meet its internal performance and/or compliance standards.

### Does Delisting Mean the Coin Is a Scam?

No.

A delisting is a decision made by an exchange about whether it wants to continue supporting an asset.

It does not by itself prove that:

- The token is fraudulent
- The blockchain has stopped
- The project is bankrupt
- The token has zero value
- Every other exchange will delist it

One exchange may remove a token while another continues to support it.

A project may also voluntarily request a delisting, migrate to a different token or blockchain, or undergo restructuring.

However, a delisting announcement can be an important warning signal, particularly if multiple major exchanges remove the same token or the delisting relates to security, compliance, development, or project viability concerns.

The reason for the delisting matters.

## What Happens Immediately After a Delisting Announcement?

Most major exchanges do not remove everything at the exact moment they publish the announcement.

Instead, they publish a schedule.

You may see several different dates.

For example:

Deposits stop: August 1

Trading stops: August 5

Withdrawals stop: November 1

Those dates mean very different things.

Read the entire announcement rather than only the trading-delisting date.

### Step 1: Deposits May Be Suspended

One of the first services exchanges often disable is new deposits.

That means users should stop sending the affected coin to the exchange.

For its June 2026 delisting cycle, Kraken disabled both deposits and trading on June 29.

OKX's March 2026 delisting announcement similarly suspended deposits before the final withdrawal cutoff.

This creates an important rule:

Do not send a delisted or soon-to-be-delisted asset to an exchange simply because you still see an old deposit address.

The address existing on-chain does not guarantee that the exchange will continue crediting incoming transactions.

Always check whether deposits are still supported.

### Step 2: Trading Stops

The most obvious part of delisting is the end of trading.

Once the relevant trading markets close, you may no longer be able to sell the coin on that exchange.

For example:

Before delisting:

ABC → USDT

may be possible.

After trading closes:

ABC → USDT

may no longer be available.

This does not necessarily mean the ABC balance disappears.

You may simply be left holding an untradable asset inside the exchange account.

That is why the trading deadline and withdrawal deadline should not be confused.

### Step 3: Open Orders May Be Canceled

Suppose you have a limit order such as:

Sell 10,000 ABC at $0.25

When the exchange removes ABC/USDT.

The order cannot remain permanently active after that market closes.

Exchanges typically cancel remaining orders as part of the delisting process.

In its March 2026 spot delisting, OKX told users to cancel their affected open orders before delisting and said its system would automatically cancel remaining orders. OKX also said relevant trading bots would be closed.

Therefore, before a scheduled delisting, check:

- Open spot orders
- Trading bots
- Other exchange products involving the asset

Do not assume the asset is sitting entirely in your available spot balance.

### Step 4: The Asset May Move to an “Untradable” Balance

After trading stops, some exchanges continue displaying the asset in your account.

But it may no longer appear in your normal trading interface.

For example, OKX stated that after its March 2026 delisting process, affected assets would become available under:

Assets → Untradable assets

and withdrawals would remain possible until the later cutoff date.

This distinction is important.

Seeing a coin listed as:

Untradable

does not necessarily mean:

Unwithdrawable

Those are separate capabilities.

## Can You Still Withdraw a Coin After It Is Delisted?

Often, yes—but usually only for a limited time.

This is probably the most important answer in this article.

Many exchanges continue allowing users to withdraw the cryptocurrency after trading has ended.

Binance's current explanation of delisting notes that exchanges commonly leave withdrawals open for a specified period after trading pairs have been removed so holders can move their assets elsewhere.

Current exchange announcements show the same pattern.

### Kraken Example

In Kraken's June 2026 delisting cycle:

- Deposits and trading stopped: June 29, 2026
- Withdrawals stopped: September 25, 2026
- Remaining balances scheduled for liquidation: September 28–October 2, 2026

That gave users almost three months between the end of trading and the withdrawal cutoff.

### OKX Example

For several tokens delisted in March 2026, OKX removed trading in March but kept withdrawals available until June 12.

These examples demonstrate why:

Delisting from trading does not automatically mean you can no longer withdraw the asset.

But that withdrawal window will not necessarily remain open forever.

## What Should You Do With a Delisted Coin?

You usually have several possible choices.

The best option depends on what you want to do with the asset and what the exchange permits.

### Option 1: Sell Before Trading Closes

If you no longer want to hold the cryptocurrency, you may be able to sell it before the trading deadline.

For example:

ABC → USDT

before ABC trading is removed.

This avoids having to manage the asset in another wallet.

However, there is a significant risk.

Delisting Can Create Liquidity Problems

A token approaching delisting may experience:

- Lower liquidity
- Wider bid-ask spreads
- Reduced market depth
- Higher volatility

That means executing a large sell order can become more difficult.

There may be less demand available at prices close to the last quoted price.

Kraken has specifically warned in recent delisting notices that several affected assets had limited or inactive markets and that liquidation prices could fall substantially below recent reference prices, potentially producing minimal or even no proceeds when liquidity is insufficient.

Therefore:

Do not assume you can always sell a delisted coin at the price displayed on a price-tracking website.

The actual order book matters.

### Option 2: Convert the Coin

Some exchanges may offer a conversion process before the asset is fully removed.

For example:

Delisted token → USDT

or another supported asset.

Whether this is available depends entirely on the exchange and the specific delisting.

Check the announcement.

Do not assume every delisted asset will have a conversion option.

### Option 3: Withdraw to Your Own Wallet

If you want to continue holding the cryptocurrency, one option is moving it to a self-custody wallet that supports the asset.

This means you retain access to the token even after the exchange stops supporting it.

But there is an important condition:

The receiving wallet must support the correct blockchain and token.

Before withdrawing, verify:

- Cryptocurrency
- Network
- Wallet address
- Token contract where relevant
- Whether the wallet supports the asset

A delisting deadline is not a reason to rush through the withdrawal screen without checking the details.

A wrong transfer can create a separate problem.

### Option 4: Withdraw to Another Exchange

Another exchange may continue supporting the token.

For example:

Exchange A delists ABC

while:

Exchange B still supports ABC/USDT.

You might decide to withdraw from Exchange A and deposit into Exchange B.

Before doing this, verify all three:

1. Exchange B Still Supports ABC

Not simply an old market page.

2. Deposits Are Currently Enabled

Trading support does not guarantee deposits are currently open.

3. Both Exchanges Support the Same Network

The network used for withdrawal must match the network accepted by the receiving exchange.

Do not make the transfer based only on the token ticker.

### Option 5: Hold the Coin in Self-Custody

A delisting from one centralized exchange does not normally remove a token from its underlying blockchain.

If the network and project continue operating, the token can potentially remain in a compatible self-custody wallet.

You may later:

- Transfer it
- Use it within the project's ecosystem
- Trade it on another supported venue
- Participate in an official migration

depending on the asset.

However, taking a coin into self-custody does not remove the economic risks that triggered the delisting.

You may retain possession of the tokens while their market value or liquidity continues to deteriorate.

## What Happens If You Miss the Withdrawal Deadline?

This is where the situation becomes much more serious.

Suppose an exchange says:

Withdraw ABC before September 25.

You return in December.

What happens?

There is no universal answer.

Different exchanges and individual delisting events use different procedures.

Possible outcomes include:

### Automatic Liquidation

The exchange sells or liquidates your remaining balance.

### Automatic Conversion

The exchange converts it into another supported asset.

### Asset Becomes Inaccessible

The balance may remain associated with the account but no longer be transferable through the normal platform.

### Migration

The project or exchange may convert the old token into a replacement token.

### No Recovery

The exchange may no longer support the blockchain infrastructure necessary to process withdrawals.

This is exactly why the withdrawal deadline matters more than simply knowing that the coin was delisted.

### Example: Kraken Can Liquidate Remaining Balances

Kraken's June 2026 delisting notice provides a clear example.

After withdrawals close on September 25, Kraken plans to liquidate remaining affected balances between September 28 and October 2 according to prevailing market conditions.

Kraken also warns that limited liquidity may cause liquidation prices to be significantly below recent reference prices.

Therefore, allowing the exchange to handle the asset automatically is not necessarily equivalent to choosing your own exit price.

### Example: OKX Can Permanently Suspend Withdrawals

OKX's March 2026 delisting notice for several assets stated that withdrawals would be suspended from June 12, 202,6 and instructed users to manage their assets before that deadline.

This illustrates another important lesson:

Never assume you can contact support six months later and ask them to reopen withdrawals for you.

Whether anything can be done after a deadline depends on the platform and the asset.

### Example: Coinbase Delistings and Migrations Can Work Differently

Coinbase demonstrates why users must read the specific delisting announcement rather than relying on a generic rule.

Its current token delisting and migration documentation includes cases where:

- Trading has been disabled
- Users must migrate tokens themselves
- Coinbase performs a migration
- Send/receive support changes
- Assets have specific final migration dates
- Some assets can become inaccessible if users fail to act

Coinbase specifically warns that failure to take action before certain migration deadlines can result in loss of access or value.

So:

Delisting + migration is not always the same situation as an ordinary trading delisting.

## Delisting vs Token Migration

This distinction deserves special attention.

Sometimes a project replaces:

Old Token

with:

New Token

For example:

ABC → ABC2

An exchange may then delist the old token.

That does not necessarily mean the project itself is being abandoned.

Instead, the old version may be obsolete.

Coinbase explains that token migrations often happen when a project updates its protocol or moves to another blockchain and that the previous version may then be delisted.

## Will the Exchange Automatically Migrate My Tokens?

Maybe.

Do not assume it will.

There are three broad possibilities.

Exchange Supports the Migration

The platform may automatically replace:

Old token → New token

according to the project's conversion terms.

Exchange Does Not Support the Migration

You may need to withdraw the old token to a compatible self-custody wallet and use the project's official migration process.

Exchange Partially Supports the Event

Deposits, withdrawals, or trading may be paused during the upgrade and resume differently afterward.

Coinbase's current migration documentation contains examples of all these types of situations.

Always read the announcement associated with your specific token.

### Do Not Send the Old Token After a Migration

This can be particularly dangerous.

Suppose:

Token V1 has been replaced by Token V2.

The exchange may stop supporting deposits of V1.

Sending the legacy asset to an old deposit address afterward may leave the deposit unsupported.

Coinbase currently warns users in several migration cases not to send legacy versions or old-network versions after migrations because those transfers may not be recoverable.

Therefore, after a migration:

Do not reuse old deposit instructions without checking them again.

## Does Delisting Destroy the Coin?

No.

An exchange does not normally control the existence of a decentralized token simply because it lists or delists it.

Think of it this way:

Blockchain = where the asset exists

Exchange = one place where the asset can be traded/custodied

If Exchange A stops supporting Token ABC, that does not automatically erase ABC from the blockchain.

The token may still exist in:

- Self-custody wallets
- Other centralized exchanges

- Decentralized exchanges
- DeFi applications
- The project's own ecosystem

Binance's current delisting explanation similarly notes that a delisted asset may remain tradable elsewhere even though trading on the exchange that removed it stops.

There are exceptions, however.

A project's blockchain may stop operating, a token contract may be frozen, or the project may terminate entirely.

Those are problems with the asset itself—not simply the exchange listing.

### What If the Blockchain Has Shut Down?

This is a much more serious scenario.

Normally, withdrawing a delisted asset requires the underlying network to process an on-chain transaction.

If that blockchain is no longer functioning, an exchange may be unable to send the token even if it wants to.

A recent Kraken example illustrates this difference. In its May 2026 delisting notice, Kraken specifically stated that TEER had ceased operations and that on-chain transactions would not go through; trading and funding therefore remained paused.

So a normal rule such as:

“Just withdraw before the deadline”

may not work when the underlying network itself is nonfunctional.

Always read asset-specific notes in the announcement.

## Can You Sell a Delisted Coin Somewhere Else?

Potentially.

If the project remains active, another marketplace may continue supporting the coin.

Possible venues can include:

- Another centralized exchange
- A decentralized exchange
- Other supported trading venues

But availability does not guarantee good liquidity.

Suppose another exchange technically lists ABC, but its order book contains very little trading volume.

You might see:

Last price: $0.20

but only a small amount of buying interest exists near that price.

Selling a large position could push the execution price much lower.

This is particularly relevant because low liquidity itself can be one reason an exchange decides to delist an asset.

## Does a Delisting Make the Price Fall?

It can affect price, but a decline is not guaranteed.

The impact depends on factors such as:

- Size of the exchange
- Share of the token's total trading volume
- Reason for delisting
- Number of other exchanges supporting the asset
- Project fundamentals
- Market sentiment
- Liquidity
- Whether several exchanges delist simultaneously

A delisting from a major exchange can reduce access and liquidity, which may create selling pressure.

But it would be inaccurate to say:

“Every delisted coin automatically crashes.”

The circumstances matter.

For Brokerate, the useful question is not predicting the price.

It is determining whether users can retain control of their assets before exchange support ends.

## What Happens to Other Exchange Products?

A delisting may affect more than spot trading.

### What Happens to Staked or Earn Assets?

This depends on the exchange.

If the cryptocurrency is also being used in:

- Staking
- Earn products
- Lending
- Trading bots
- Margin
- Other exchange products

the platform may establish separate deadlines for those services.

Do not assume the spot-market delisting date controls every product.

Before withdrawing, check whether the asset is currently locked in another exchange service.

The official delisting announcement should specify affected products or link to separate notices.

### What Happens to Trading Bots?

If a trading bot uses a market that is being removed, the bot can no longer continue trading that pair after delisting.

For its March 2026 delisting, OKX specifically announced that affected trading bots would be gradually closed before the trading pairs were removed.

Therefore, users running automated strategies should check the announcement before the deadline instead of assuming the bot will continue operating.

### What Happens to Open Spot Orders?

Open orders normally cannot remain active once the underlying market is removed.

An exchange may:

- Ask users to cancel them
- Cancel them automatically
- Return the reserved assets to the user's available balance

In its March 2026 delisting notice, OKX warned users to cancel relevant open orders and said remaining orders would be canceled automatically, with processing potentially taking one to three working days.

If your available balance appears lower than expected before a delisting, check whether some of the coin is committed to open orders.

## What Should You Do When You Receive a Delisting Notice?

Do not immediately sell and do not ignore it.

Work through the notice in this order.

### 1. Confirm the Announcement Is Real

Use the exchange's official:

- Website
- Help center
- Announcement page
- App
- Verified communication channel

Delisting news can create urgency, and urgency is useful to scammers.

Do not move funds based only on a screenshot posted on social media.

## 2. Confirm What Is Actually Being Delisted

Ask:

One trading pair?

or

The entire asset?

This changes everything.

## 3. Record Every Deadline

Look specifically for:

- Deposit deadline
- Trading deadline
- Conversion deadline
- Withdrawal deadline
- Migration deadline

Do not assume they are the same date.

## 4. Check What You Currently Hold

Review:

- Spot balance
- Funding balance
- Open orders
- Trading bots
- Staking/Earn products

- Other relevant services

You need to know how much of the asset is actually available.

### 5. Decide Whether You Want to Sell or Keep the Asset

If you no longer want it:

Consider selling or converting before trading closes.

If you want to keep it:

Prepare a compatible destination before withdrawals close.

This is a user decision, not something the exchange makes for you—unless you leave the balance past a deadline under a policy that allows automatic liquidation.

### 6. Verify the Destination Before Withdrawing

If you are moving the asset elsewhere, verify:

- Asset
- Network
- Address
- Receiving platform support

A delisting deadline can create time pressure.

Do not let that pressure turn into a transfer mistake.

### 7. Withdraw Before the Final Day

Waiting until the last few minutes adds unnecessary risk.

Possible problems can include:

- Network congestion
- Exchange maintenance
- Account security checks

- Withdrawal processing time
- Address mistakes that need correction
- Receiving-platform maintenance

If you already know you intend to withdraw, leaving reasonable time before the deadline is safer than treating the deadline as the target withdrawal time.

### 8. Keep the TxID

After withdrawing, save the transaction identifier until you confirm that the funds have arrived correctly.

Do not consider the process finished merely because you clicked:

Withdraw.

Verify the destination.

## What If I Already Missed the Delisting Deadline?

First, do not assume either:

“The money is definitely gone.”

or:

“Support will definitely recover it.”

Check the original delisting announcement.

Look for language concerning:

- Remaining balances
- Liquidation
- Conversion
- Asset migration
- Withdrawal closure
- Untradable assets

Then check your account.

The asset may have been automatically:

- Liquidated
- Converted
- Migrated
- Otherwise processed

If your balance remains but no withdrawal option exists, contact the exchange.

Ask specifically:

“I still hold a balance of [asset] after the withdrawal deadline. Is there any supported withdrawal, conversion, liquidation, or recovery procedure remaining for this delisted asset?”

Do not assume customer support can reopen the blockchain wallet.

### Can Support Withdraw a Delisted Coin for You?

Sometimes a platform may offer additional assistance.

But it is not guaranteed.

Once an exchange stops supporting the wallet infrastructure for an asset or network, manual withdrawal may be difficult or impossible.

The platform may also have clearly stated in advance that withdrawals would permanently stop on a particular date.

Therefore:

“Contact support later” should never be your primary delisting strategy.

Act during the supported withdrawal period whenever possible.

## Can You Deposit a Delisted Coin Back Later?

Do not assume so.

An exchange may keep withdrawal support open while already disabling deposits.

That creates a one-way situation:

Funds can leave, but new funds should not come in.

For example, OKX suspended deposits for its March 2026 affected tokens while allowing holders a later withdrawal window.

If you withdraw a delisted asset and later send it back to an old exchange deposit address, the exchange may no longer credit it.

Always generate current deposit instructions before transferring any cryptocurrency to an exchange.

### Delisting Does Not Mean You Should Send the Coin Anywhere Immediately

This is worth emphasizing.

A user sees:

“ABC WILL BE DELISTED!”

and immediately searches for another exchange showing ABC.

That can create a second problem.

Before transferring to another exchange, confirm:

- ABC deposits are enabled.
- The same blockchain network is supported.
- The token contract is correct where relevant.
- The destination exchange has not also announced a delisting.
- The withdrawal amount meets any requirements.

The goal is not merely to get the coin off Exchange A.

The goal is to move it somewhere where you will still have usable access to it.

## A Delisting Timeline Example

Imagine Brokerate Token, BRT, is being delisted.

The exchange publishes:

August 1

Deposits disabled.

August 5

BRT/USDT trading stops.

August 5

Open orders canceled.

August 6

BRT becomes an untradable asset.

October 30

Final withdrawal deadline.

November 1

Remaining balances handled according to the exchange's delisting policy.

A user holding BRT therefore has different options at different points.

| Date | Can Deposit? | Can Trade? | Can Withdraw? |
|---|---|---|---|
| Before Aug. 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Aug. 1–5 | No | Yes | Yes |
| Aug. 6–Oct. 30 | No | No | Yes |
| After Oct. 30 | No | No | Depends on exchange policy |

This is why the phrase:

“The coin was delisted on August 5.”

does not tell you everything you need to know.

The withdrawal deadline may be much later.

## The Five Dates That Matter Most

Whenever Brokerate reviews a delisting notice, these are the fields worth recording.

| Deadline | Question It Answers |
|---|---|
| Announcement date | When were users informed? |
| Deposit suspension | When should users stop sending the asset in? |
| Trading suspension | When can users no longer sell it? |
| Withdrawal suspension | How long can holders move it out? |
| Final handling date | What happens to assets left behind? |

For migrations, add:

Migration deadline

because it may determine whether an old token can still be converted into its replacement.

## Delisting Checklist for Crypto Holders

When one of your coins is being delisted:

### Confirm It Is a Full Asset Delisting

Do not confuse it with removal of one trading pair.

### Read the Official Announcement

Do not rely on social media alone.

### Record the Trading Deadline

That is your deadline for using the exchange's normal market.

### Record the Withdrawal Deadline

This may be more important if you intend to keep the coin.

### Check Deposit Suspension

Do not accidentally send more tokens to the exchange.

### Check Open Orders and Automated Strategies

The asset may not all be available in your spot balance.

### Check Migration Instructions

Especially if the project is replacing the old token.

### Choose Between Selling and Withdrawing

Do not simply ignore the notice.

### Verify the Receiving Wallet and Network

Especially if transferring to another platform.

### Do Not Wait Until the Final Hour

Allow time for unexpected problems.

### Save Your Withdrawal TxID

Confirm that the asset actually reached its destination.

## Common Mistakes During a Crypto Delisting

### Assuming Delisting Means the Coin Has Disappeared

It normally means a particular exchange is ending support.

The blockchain asset may still exist elsewhere.

### Assuming You Must Sell Immediately

Selling may be one option.

Withdrawing the asset may be another.

Read the exchange's timeline first.

### Assuming Withdrawals End When Trading Ends

Often they do not.

Recent Kraken and OKX announcements show that withdrawal windows can continue after trading has already stopped.

### Waiting Until After the Withdrawal Deadline

This can turn a simple withdrawal into an uncertain recovery situation.

### Sending the Asset to Another Exchange Without Checking Deposits

Another exchange listing the token does not guarantee that deposits are currently enabled.

### Ignoring the Network

The receiving exchange must support the network you use.

### Ignoring Token Migration

A delisting involving an obsolete token version may require migration rather than simply holding the old token indefinitely.

Coinbase explicitly warns that missing certain migration deadlines can lead to loss of access or value.

### Assuming the Exchange Will Give You a Good Automatic Liquidation Price

It may not.

Liquidity may be weak by the time remaining balances are liquidated.

Kraken warns that forced delisting liquidation can occur at prices substantially below recent reference values when market liquidity is insufficient.

## Does Delisting Mean an Exchange Is Stealing Your Crypto?

Not by itself.

A scheduled delisting normally includes terms explaining what services will stop and what holders should do.

The more useful questions are:

- Did the exchange provide a withdrawal window?
- How much notice was provided?
- What happens to remaining balances?
- Were affected users clearly informed?
- Is automatic liquidation involved?
- Are there asset-specific technical limitations?

These details are far more informative than treating every delisting as evidence of misconduct.

## Brokerate Assessment

A crypto delisting should be understood as a sequence of deadlines, not a single event.

Users often focus only on:

“Trading stops on Friday.”

But for someone who already owns the asset, the more important date may be:

“Withdrawals stop three months later.”

A normal delisting can therefore move through several distinct phases:

Announcement → Deposits disabled → Trading removed → Asset becomes untradable → Withdrawal window → Final cutoff

Until the final withdrawal cutoff, holders may still have significant control over what happens next.

After that cutoff, control may shift toward the exchange's delisting policy.

One platform may liquidate remaining assets. Another may suspend withdrawals indefinitely. A migration event may require the user to move funds into self-custody. A nonfunctional blockchain may make ordinary withdrawal impossible.

For that reason, Brokerate considers three pieces of information particularly important in any delisting announcement:

1. Why is the asset being delisted?

2. When do withdrawals stop?
3. What happens to balances left after that date?

Those three questions tell holders much more than the word “delisted” alone.

## Final Verdict

When a crypto exchange delists a coin, your tokens do not normally disappear immediately.

The usual process is:

Trading stops first → withdrawals remain available temporarily → withdrawal support eventually ends.

During the withdrawal window, holders may be able to move the asset to a self-custody wallet or another exchange that still supports it.

But users should never assume that withdrawals will remain available forever.

Once the final deadline passes, the exchange may:

- Liquidate the balance
- Convert it
- Handle it through a migration
- Leave it unsupported or inaccessible
- Apply another asset-specific process

Recent Kraken and OKX delistings demonstrate that exchanges can give users months to withdraw after trading stops—but they also establish hard final deadlines.

So when you see a delisting announcement, do not ask only:

“When does trading stop?”

Ask:

“Until what exact date can I withdraw, and what happens if I do nothing?”

That is usually the information that determines whether you maintain control of the asset.