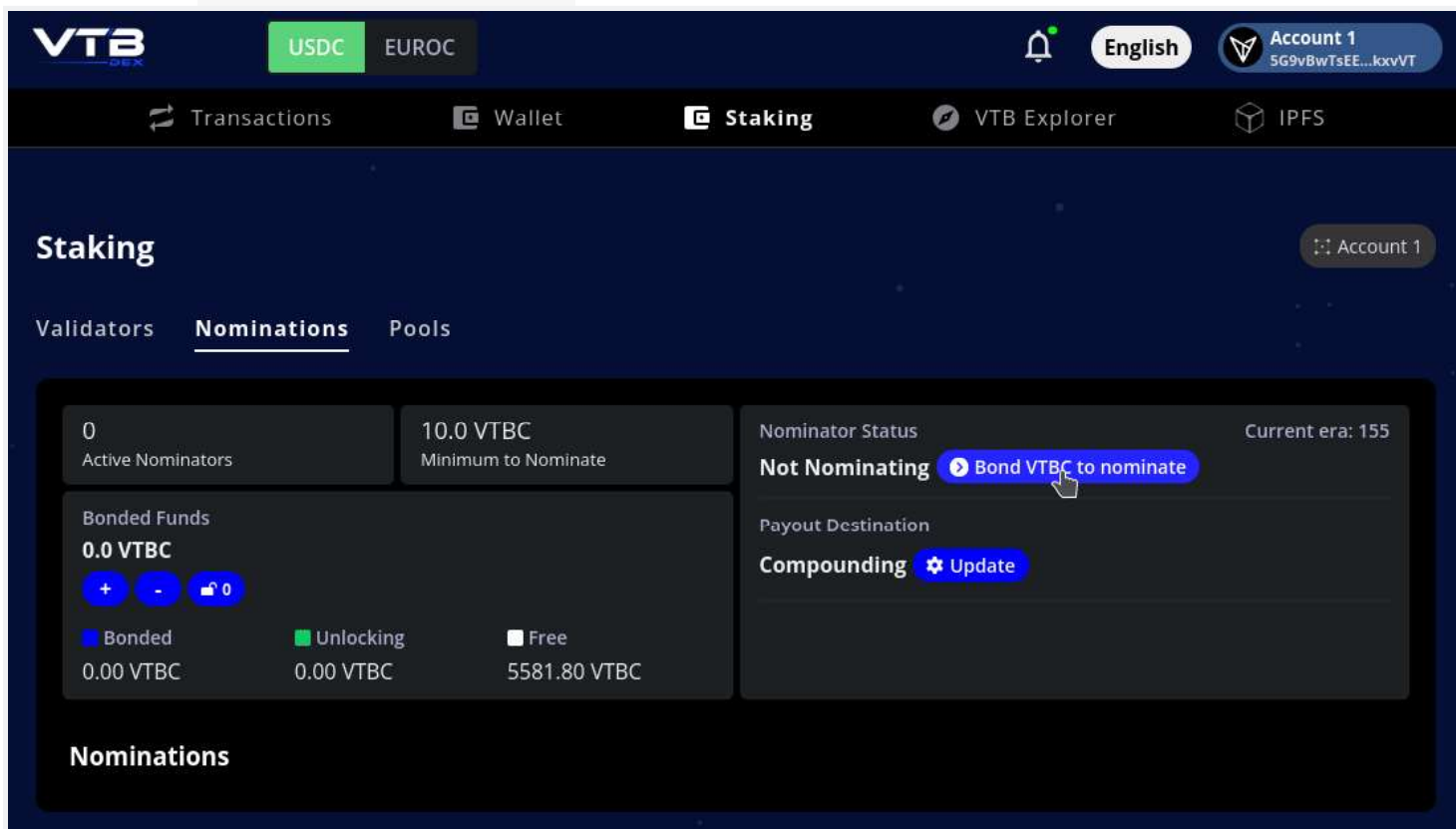Nominating

Nominating is a way of expressing your support for a validator. This is done by appointing your stake to validators, and by doing so, they can share in the rewards that are distributed to validators in each era (an era is 24 hours long).

> *Note that whenever a validator is punished (slashed) for misbehaviour, all their nominators are also punished.*

Bonding/Staking tokens
So to start nominating, first go to VTBDex, select the staking tab, select the nominations subtab, and click the Bond VTBC to Nominate button.

This will open up a the nomination popup. Here you need to select where the rewards go, there are three options:

- Compound option will transfer rewards to your staking account, and automatically add there rewards to your active stake.
- To Your Account option will transfer to your account, but will not automatically add them to your active stake.
- To Another Account option will send rewards to some other account of your choosing.

Select the appropriate option and click continue

In the next section enter the amount of VTBC you want to stake, and click Confirm .

This will open up a new popup asking for your password to sign the transaction. Enter the password and click Sign the transaction .
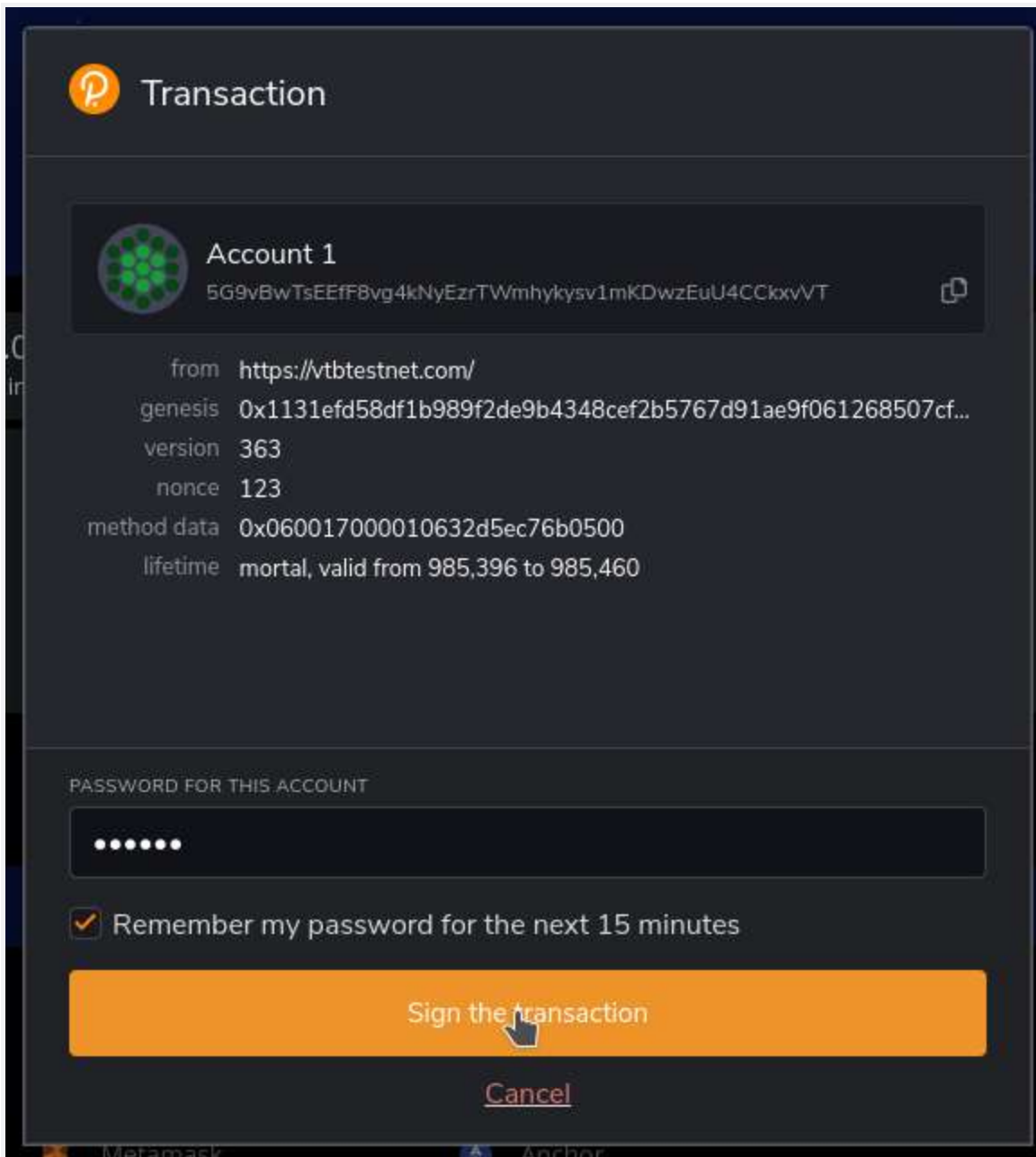
Now your tokens have been bonded. The next step to select which validators you want to nominate.

Selecting validators to nominate
Go back to the nominations tab. You will see that 100 VTBC have been bonded, and there is a Start Nominating button in place of Bond VTBC to nominate . Clicking that button will open a popup to select the validators. You can select one or more validators, but keep in mind that selecting more than one validator will divide your stake across multiple validators. Click Confirm after selecting the validators.
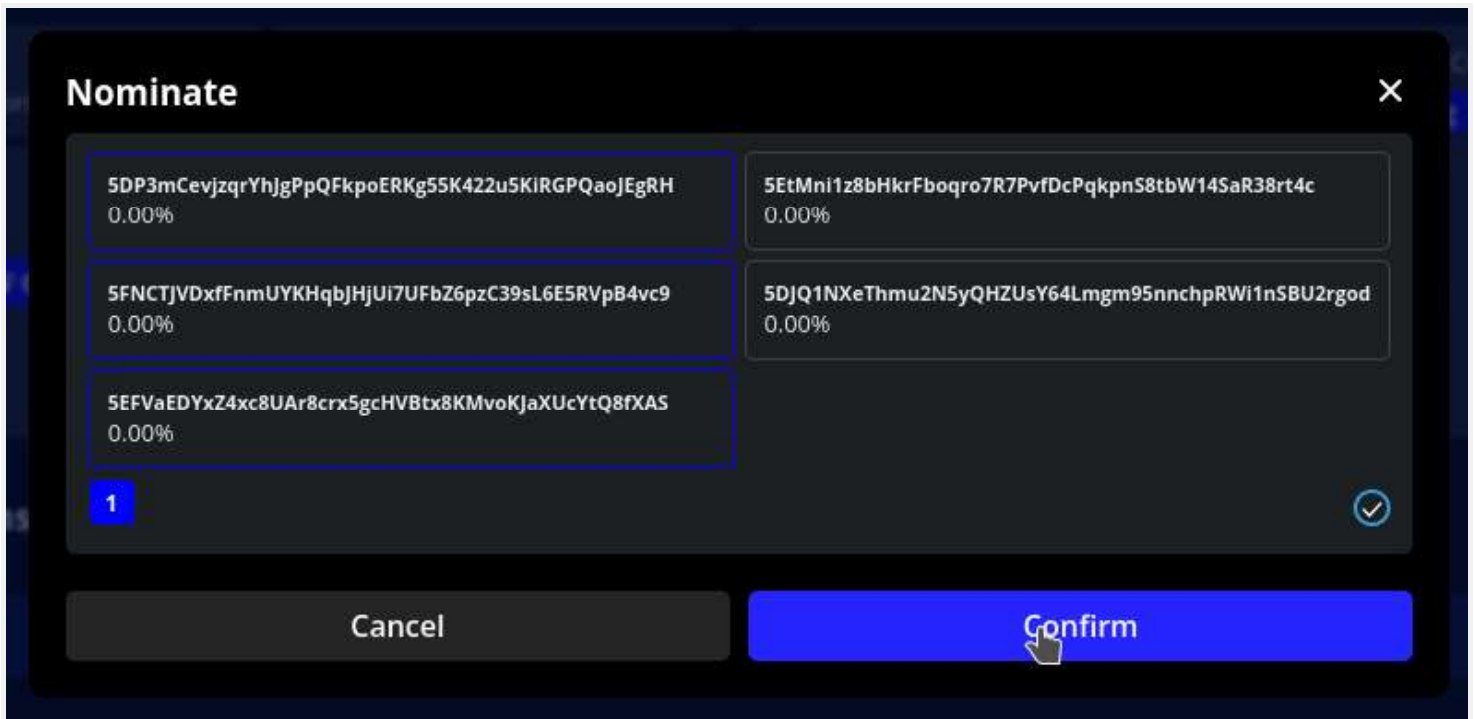
This will open up the transaction signing popup again, enter the password and click Sign this transaction . After signing the trancation the UI will update to show the nominators you are supporting.
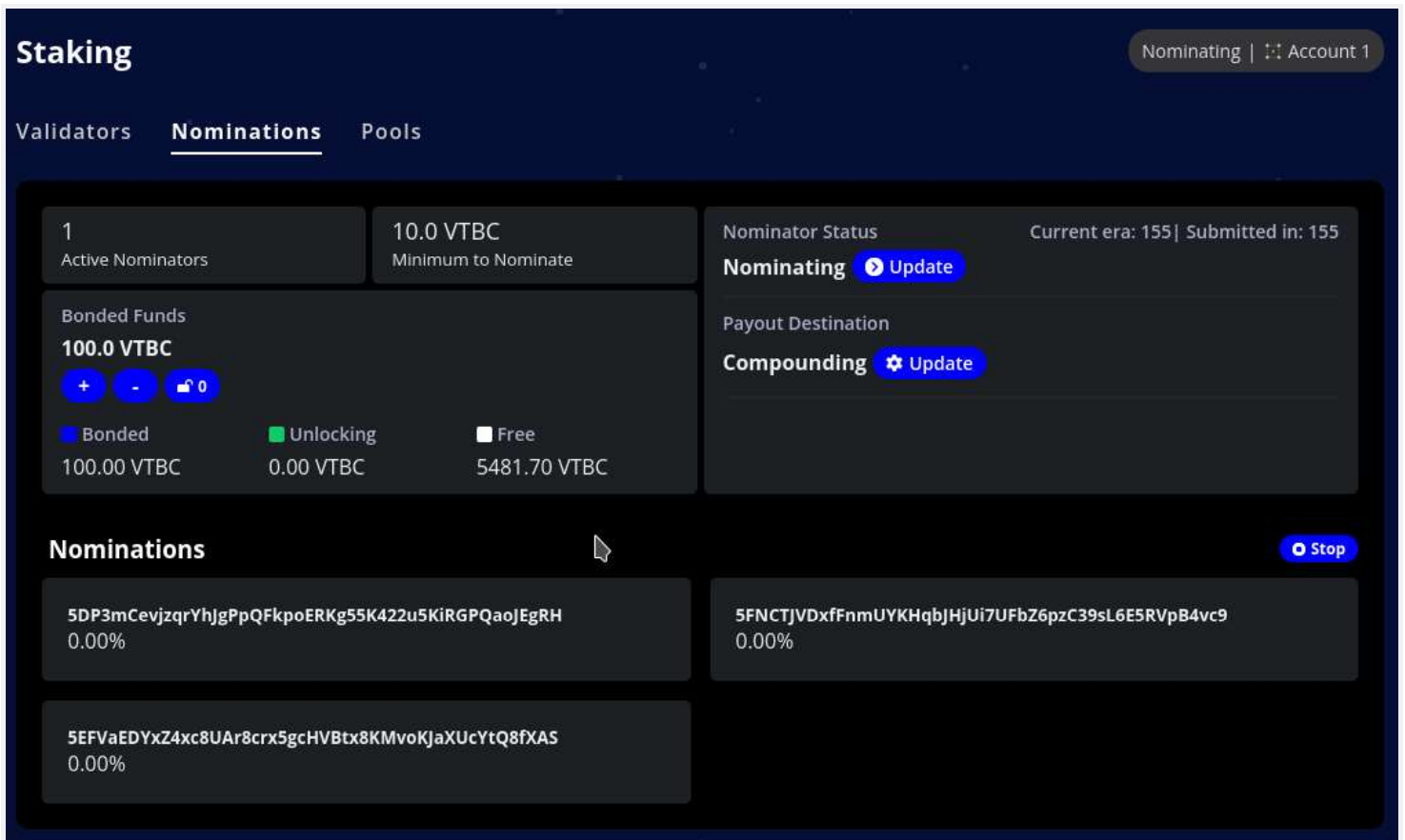

That's all! you will start earning VTBCs as rewards from the next era

Stopping nomination
Stopping nomination is done in three stepsYou don't have access to this Doc

1. **Withdrawing support from validators:**

   To withdraw your support from the validators, go to nominations tab. There click the Stop button and sign the transaction. From this point onwards you will stop participating in the staking system and stop receiving rewards.
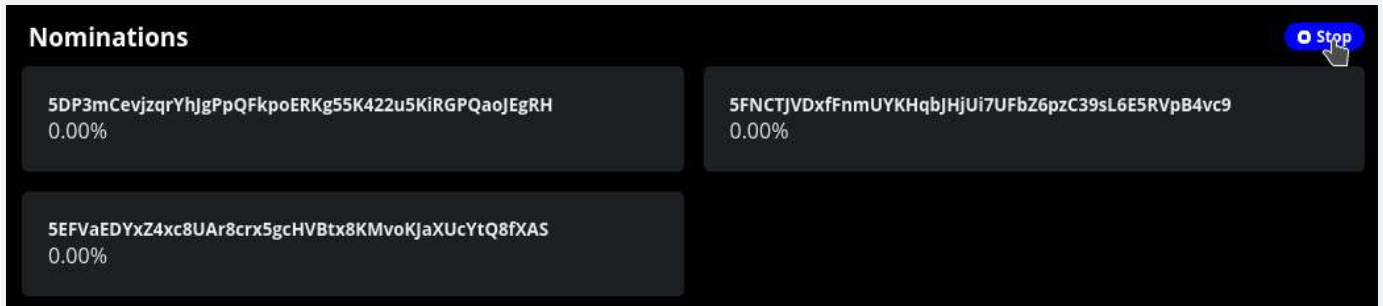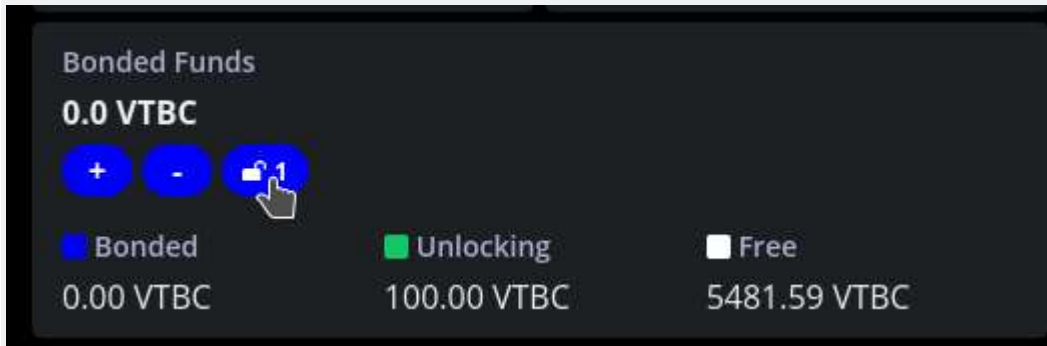

2. **Unbonding staked tokens:**

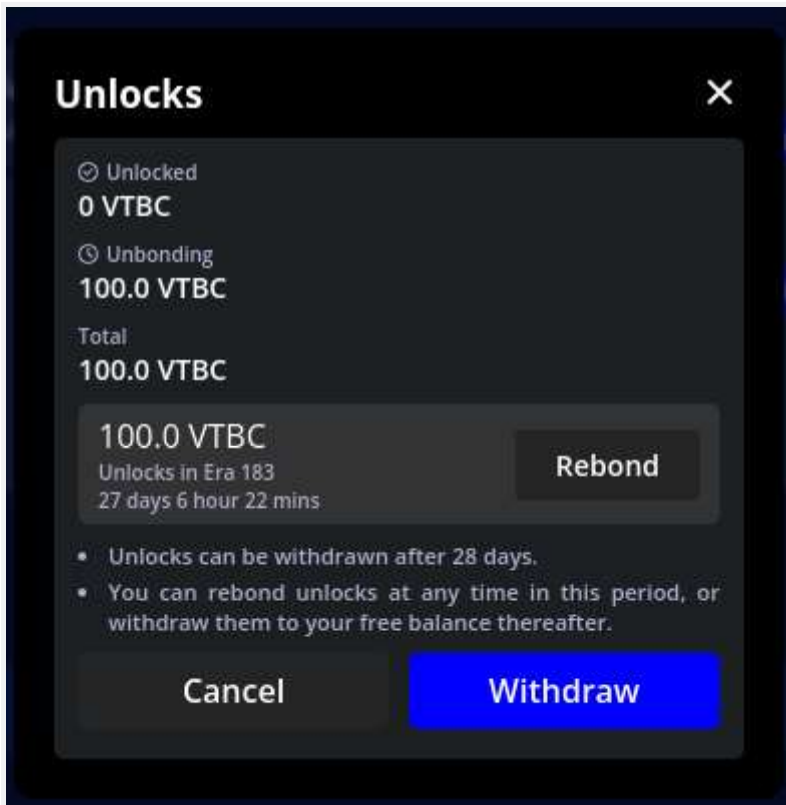   Click the - (negative) button and enter the amount of tokens you want to unbond.
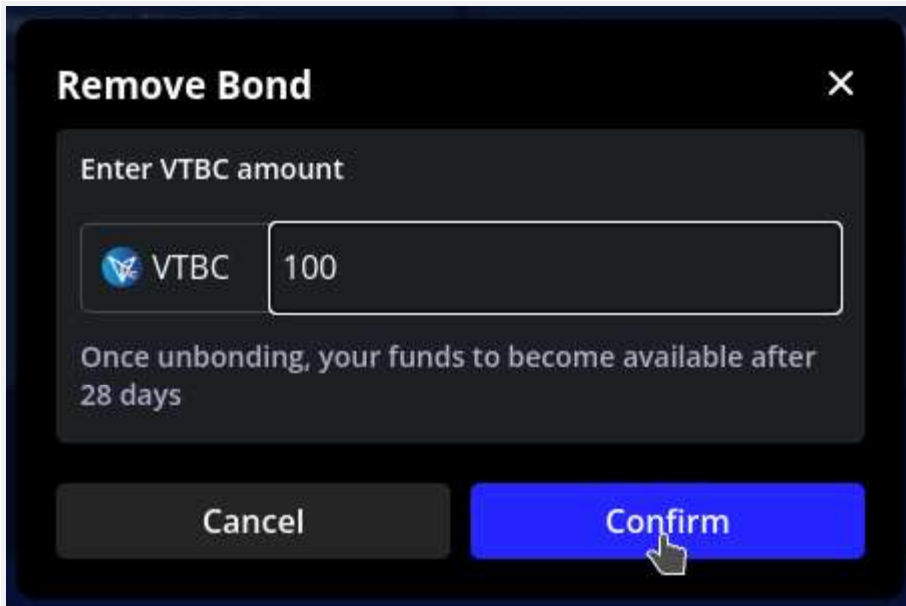
   Click the Confirm button to sign the transaction. This will move your funds from Bonded to Unlocking section. There is a waiting period of 28 days (eras) before your tokens are actually unlocked. You can see the remaining time by clicking the button with the lock symbol.
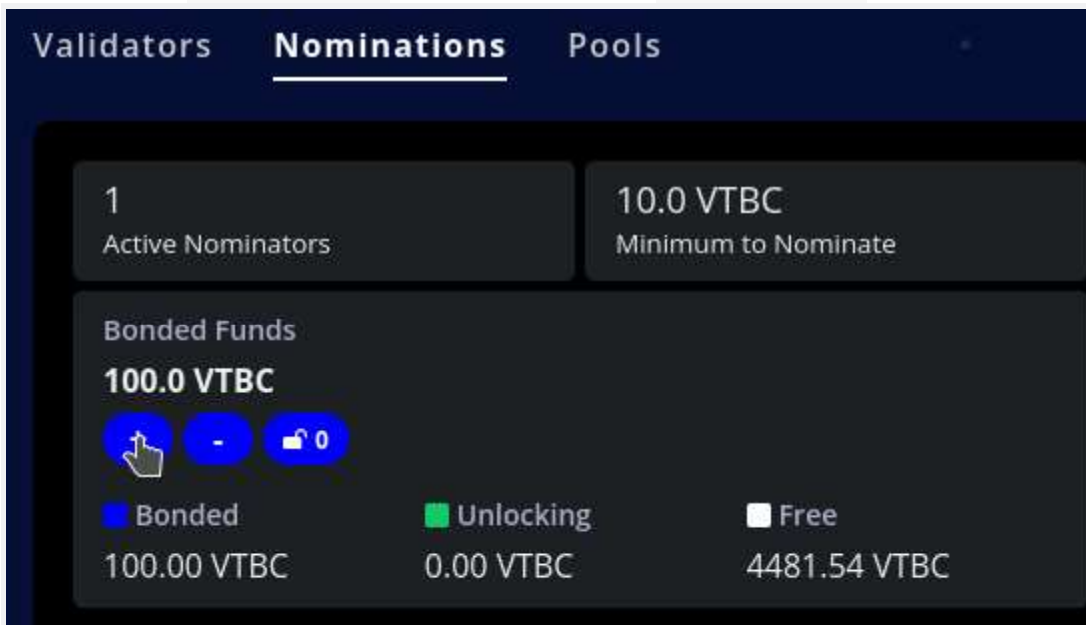

3. **Withdrawing the unbonded tokens:**

After your tokens have been unlocked you can withdraw them. To open the withdraw popup, click the button with the lock symbol. In the withdraw popup, click Withdraw button and sign the transaction.
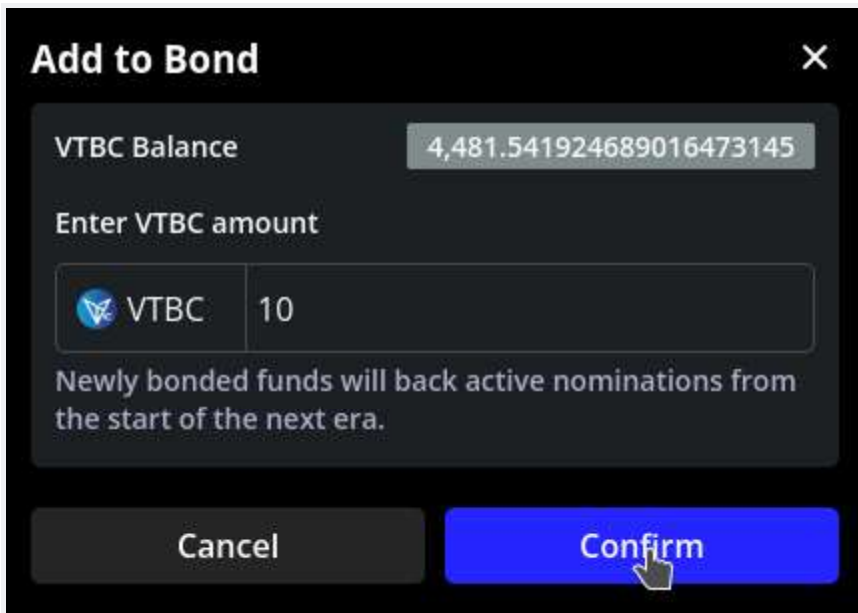

Increasing your bond
To open the Add to bond popup go to the Nominations tab and click the + button.

Enter the amount of tokens you want to increase the bond by and click Confirm button to sign and submit the transaction.
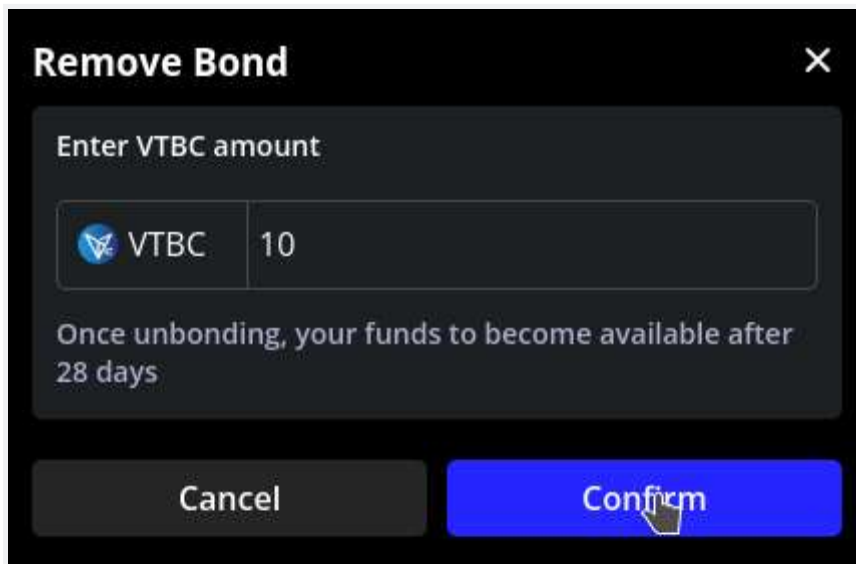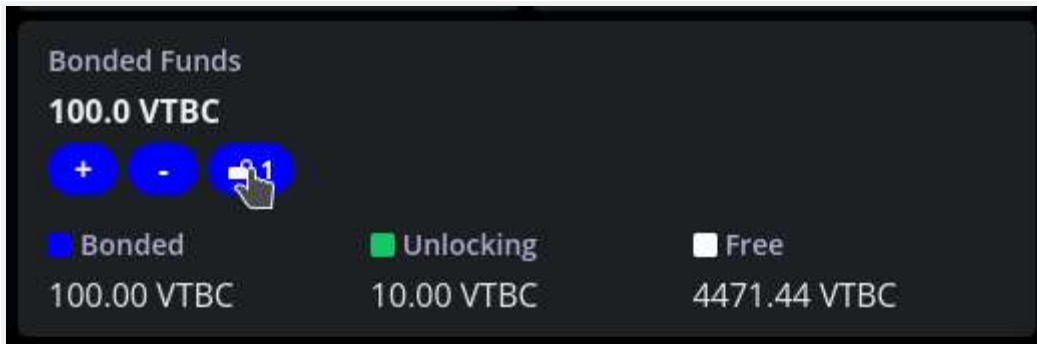
Decreasing your bond

Decreasing bond is done in two steps:

1. **Unbonding staked tokens:**

   Go to Nominations tag and click the - (negative) button and enter the amount of tokens you want to unbond.

   Click the Confirm button to sign the transaction. This will move your funds from Bonded to Unlocking section. There is a waiting period of 28 days (eras) before your tokens are actually unlocked. You can see the remaining time by clicking the button with the lock symbol.

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