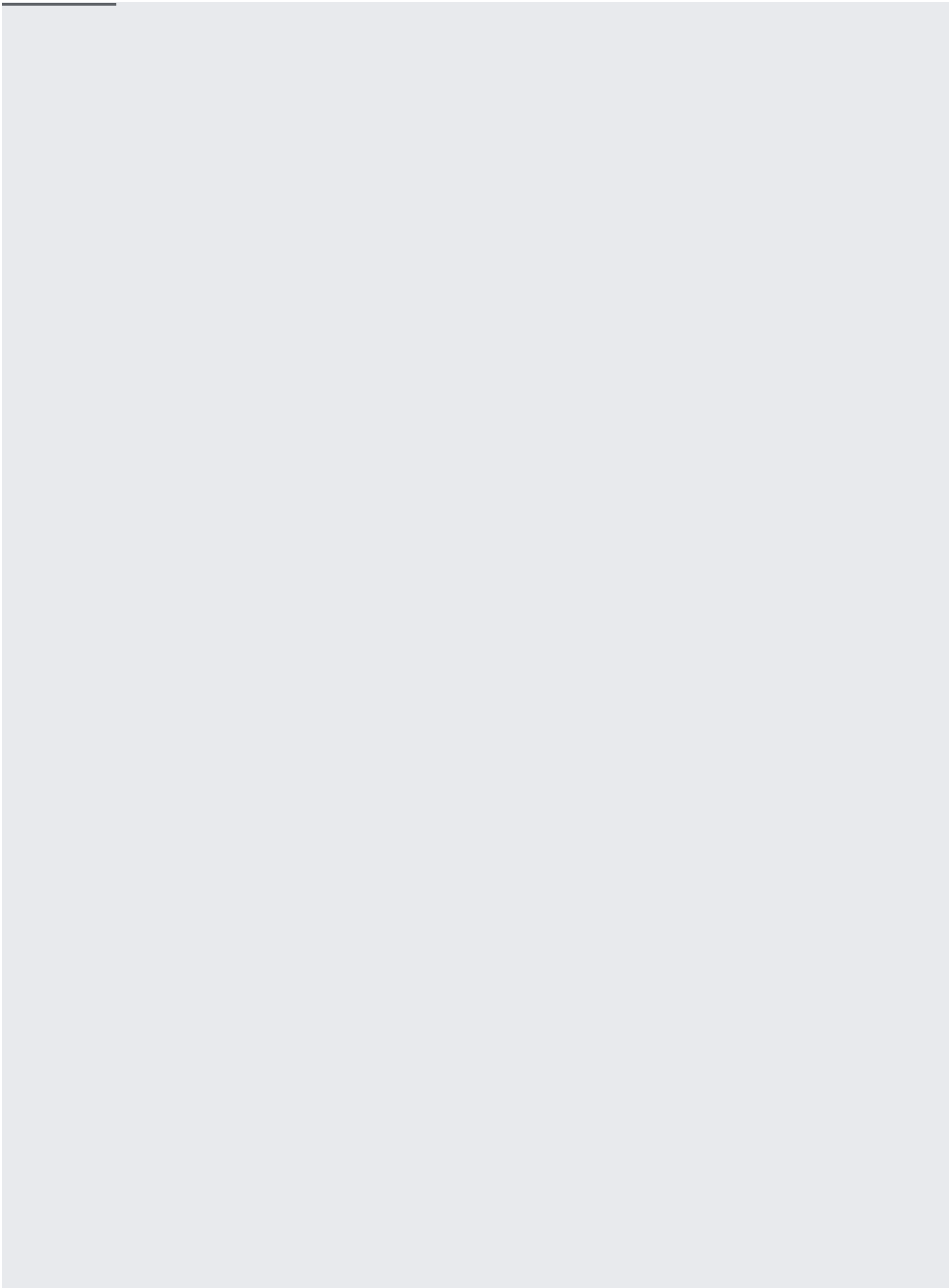

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Warning: All data on an instance, including backups, is permanently lost when that instance is deleted. To preserve your data, [export it to Cloud Storage](#) (/sql/docs/postgres/import-export/exporting) before you delete it.



To see how the underlying REST API request (`/sql/docs/postgres/admin-api/rest/v1beta4/instances/delete`) is constructed for this task, see the APIs Explorer on the instances:delete page (`/sql/docs/postgres/admin-api/rest/v1beta4/instances/delete`).

Notes:

- You cannot delete an instance that has any replicas. You must delete all replicas first.
- After you delete an instance, it might continue to appear in your project with an "unknown" size but with a "Being deleted" status. This is normal and the instance should disappear completely after a brief period of time.
- You cannot reuse an instance name for up to a week after you have deleted an instance.