RX62N Group, RX621 Group

Asynchronous SCIa Transmission/Reception Using the DMA Controller (DMACA)

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Introduction

This application note presents a sample program that performs SCI (serial communications interface) asynchronous serial communication using the Renesas MCU's DMA controller (DMAC).

Target Devices

The RX62N Group and RX621 Group products

Other members of the RX Family that have the same I/O registers (peripheral unit control registers) as the RX62N Group and RX621 Group products can also use the code from this application note. Note, however, that since certain aspects of the functions used may be changed in other devices due to function additions or other differences, the documentation for the device used must be checked carefully before using this code. When using this code in an end product or other application, its operation must be tested and evaluated thoroughly.

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1. Specifications

The code presented in this application note performs serial communication (transmission and reception) by performing data transfers between RAM and the SCI (serial communications interface) module using the DMA controller (DMAC). Figure 1 presents an overview of this asynchronous serial data transmission and reception that uses the DMAC.

1. This program uses the SCI module's channel 2 and the DMAC module's channels 0 (reception) and 1 (transmission).
2. An 8-bit length, one stop bit, no parity bit communication format is used.
3. For the transmit operation, the DMAC is activated by the transmit data empty interrupt request, and it transfers the transmit data, which is prepared in advance from an arbitrary transfer source to the SCI transmit data register (TDR).
4. For the transmit operation, the DMAC is activated by the receive data full interrupt request, and it transfers the receive data from the SCI receive data register (RDR) to an arbitrary transfer destination that is prepared in advance.
5. When the specified number of transfers have been performed, these operations are reinitialized.

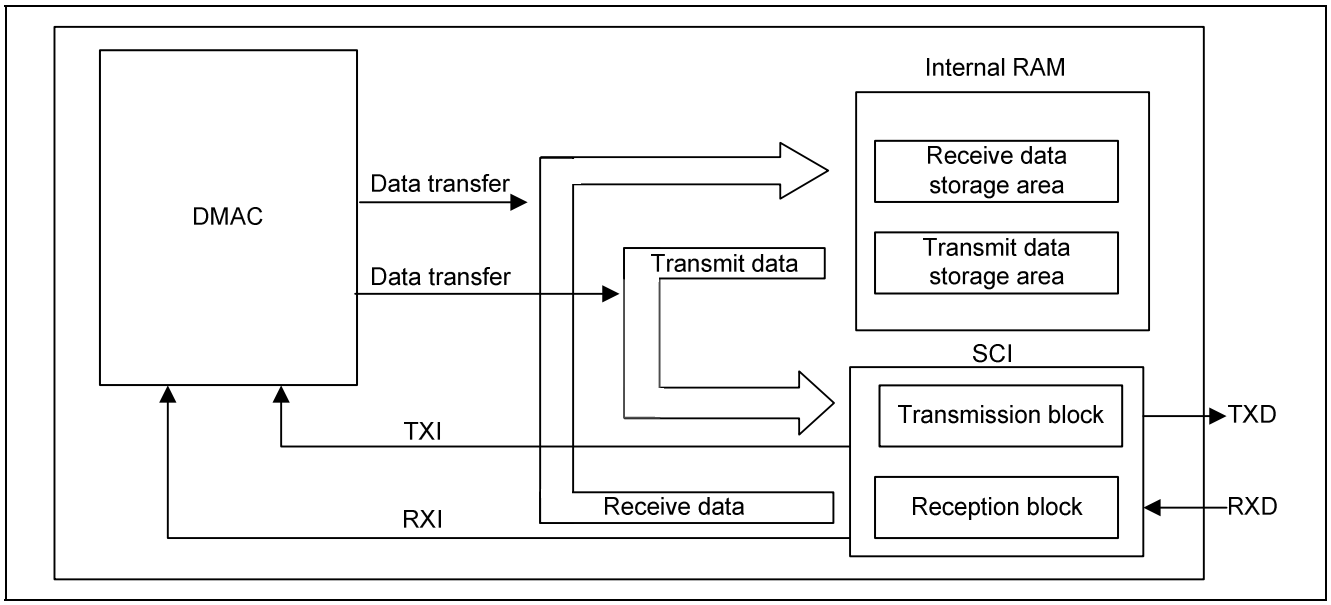


Figure 1 Overview of Asynchronous Serial Data Transmission/Reception Using the DMAC

2. Operation Confirmation Environment

Table 1 lists the environment required for confirming master operation.

Table 1 Operation Confirmation Environment

Item	Description
Device	RX62N (R5F562N8BDBG)
Board	Renesas Starter Kit (R0K5562N0S000BE)
Power supply voltage	5.0 V (CPU operating voltage: 3.3 V)
Input clock	12 MHz (ICLK = 96 MHz, PCLK = 48 MHz, BCLK = 24 MHz)
Operating temperature	Room temperature
HEW	Version 4.07.00.007
Toolchain	RX Standard Toolchain (V.1.0.0.0)
Debugger/emulator	E20 emulator
Debugger component	RX E1/E20 SYSTEM V.1.00.00.000

3. Functions Used

- Clock generation circuit
- Low power consumption functions
- Interrupt control unit (ICU)
- Serial communication interface (SCI)
- DMA controller (DMAC)

See the RX62N Group, RX621 Group User's Manual: Hardware for detailed information.

4. Operation

4.1 Operation Mode Settings

In the sample program, mode pins are set to MD1 = 1, MD0 = 1 to select single-chip mode as the operating mode, the ROME bit in system control register 0 (SYSCR0) is set to 1 to enable the on-chip ROM, and the EXBE bit in the SYSCR0 register is cleared to 0 to disable the external bus.

Table 2 lists the operating mode settings used in the sample program.

Table 2 Operating Mode Settings

Mode Pin		SYSCR0 Register				
MD1	MD0	ROME	EXBE	Operating Mode	On-Chip ROM	External Bus
1	1	1	0	Single-chip mode	Enabled	Disabled

Note: The initial settings of the ROME and EXBE bits in the SYSCR0 register are SYSCR0.ROME = 1 and SYSCR0.EXBE = 0, so it is not necessary for the sample program to make settings to the SYSCR0 register.

4.2 Clock Settings

The evaluation board used for this application note includes a 12.0 MHz crystal oscillator.

Therefore this application note uses the following settings for the system clock (ICLK), the peripheral module clock (PCLK), and the external bus clock (BCLK): 8× (96 MHz), 4× (48 MHz), and 2× (24 MHz).

4.3 Endian Mode Setting

The sample program presented in this application note supports both big- and little-endian mode. Table 3 lists the hardware endian mode settings of the master device.

Table 3 Endian Mode Settings (Hardware)

MDE pin	Endian
0	Little endian
1	Big endian

Table 4 lists the endian settings used in the compiler options.

Table 4 Endian Mode Settings (Compiler Options)

MCU Option	Endian
endian = little	Little endian
endian = big	Big endian

Note: Set the MDE pin to match the endian mode selected as a compiler option.

4.4 Bit Order Settings

The program in this application note supports both right and left as the bit order. Table 5 lists the bit order settings in the microcontroller option in the compiler options.

Table 5 Bit Order Settings (Compiler Options)

MCU Option	Bit Order
bit_order = right	Bit field members are allocated in order starting with the low-order bit. (Default)
bit_order = left	Bit field members are allocated in order starting with the high-order bit.

Notes: 1. In this application note, bit fields are used in the I/O register definitions file (iodefine.h). In the I/O register definitions file, "left" is specified with the #pragma bit_order extension, and the bit field members are allocated in order starting with the high-order bit.
2. If both the bit_order compiler option and the #pragma bit_order extension are specified, the #pragma bit_order extension specification takes precedence. Thus the bit fields defined in the I/O register definitions file will be allocated in order starting with the high-order bit, regardless of the compiler options bit_order specification.

4.5 SCI Settings

Table 6 lists the SCI communication function settings used in this sample program.

Table 6 SCI Settings and Conditions

Channel Used	SCI 2
Communication mode	Asynchronous serial communication mode
Interrupts	• Receive error interrupt (ERI) • Receive data full interrupt (RXI) • Transmit data empty interrupt (TXI) • Transmit complete interrupt (TEI)
Communication speed	38,400 bps (PCLK = 48 MHz)
Data length	8-bit data
Stop bits	1 stop bit
Parity	None

4.6 DMAC Settings

Table 7 lists the DMAC transfer conditions used in this sample program.

Table 7 DMAC Transfer Conditions

Condition	SCI Transmit DMAC Transfer Conditions (TXI2)	SCI Receive DMAC Transfer Conditions (RXI2)
Channel used	Channel 1 (DMAC1)	Channel 0 (DMAC0)
Transfer mode	Normal transfer mode	Normal transfer mode
Transfer count	256	256
Transfer data	Size: byte Data content: 256 bytes with values from H'00 to H'FF	Size: byte Data content: An arbitrary 256 bytes of data
Transfer source	Internal RAM	Receive data register (SCI2.RDR)
Transfer destination	Transmit data register (SCI2.TDR)	Internal RAM
Transfer source address	The transfer source address is incremented after the transfer	The transfer source is fixed
Transfer destination address	The transfer destination is fixed	The transfer destination address is incremented after the transfer
Start event	Started on the SCI transmit data empty interrupt	Started on the SCI receive data full interrupt
Interrupts	An interrupt is issued to the CPU after the specified data transfer completes.	An interrupt is issued to the CPU after the specified data transfer completes.

4.7 Operation Timing

Figure 2 shows the timing of the operations performed by this sample program.

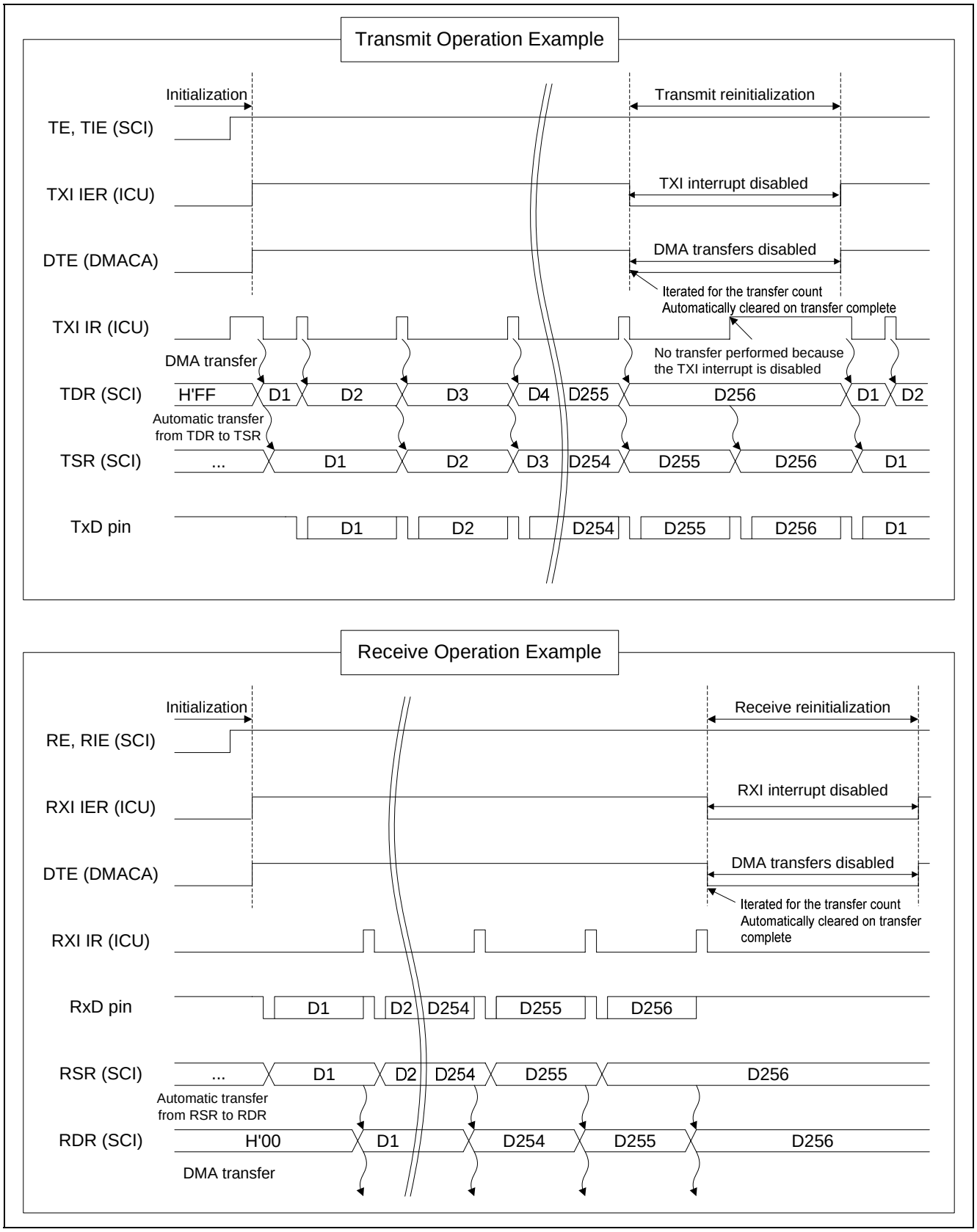


Figure 2 Operation Timing

Note: Note that when the DMAC is used for a reception operation in the RX62N Group and RX621 Group microcontrollers, if the next transfer request occurs before the IR flag is cleared automatically, the transfer request will be lost. See section 11.7, Usage Notes, in the RX62N Group and RX621 Group User's Manual - Hardware for details.

5. Software

5.1 Constants

Table 8 lists the constants used in the sample code.

Table 8 Constants

Constant Name	Set Value	Usage
DMAC_CNT	256	DMAC transfer count
BUF_SIZE	256	Buffer size

5.2 Variables

Table 9 lists the variables used in the sample program.

Table 9 Variables

Type	Variable	Usage	Functions
unsigned char	recvBuff[BUF_SIZE]	Array variable that holds the serial receive data	main, dmac1_init, int_sci_tei2
unsigned char	trnsBuff[BUF_SIZE]	Array variable that holds the serial transmit data	dmac0_init, DMAC0_dmtend_int

5.3 Functions

Table 10 lists the functions used in this application note's sample program.

Table 10 Functions

Function Name	Operation
HardwareSetup	Initialization, clock settings, and clearing the module stop state
main	Main processing ICUa initialization and setting the interrupt levels
dmac0_init	DMAC0 initialization
dmac1_init	DMAC1 initialization
sci2_init	SCI initialization and setting the transfer clock
DMAC0_dmtend_int	DMAC0 transfer complete interrupt
DMAC1_dmtend_int	DMAC1 transfer complete interrupt
int_sci_tei2	Transmit complete interrupt
int_sci_eri2	Receive error interrupt

5.4 Processing Flow

Figures 3 to 11 show the processing flow of the sample program.

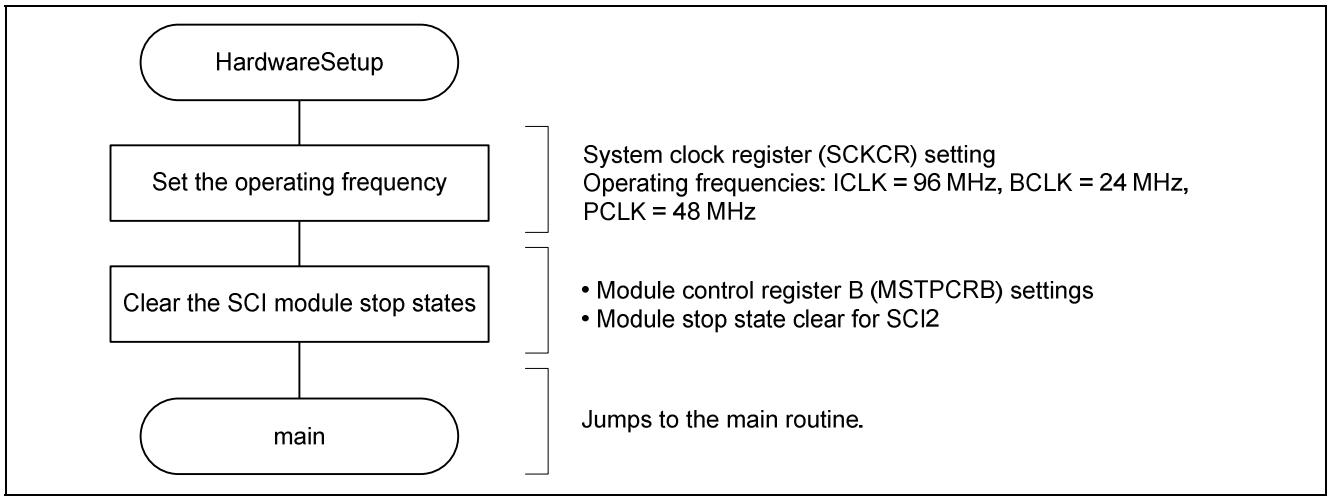


Figure 3 Initialization Processing

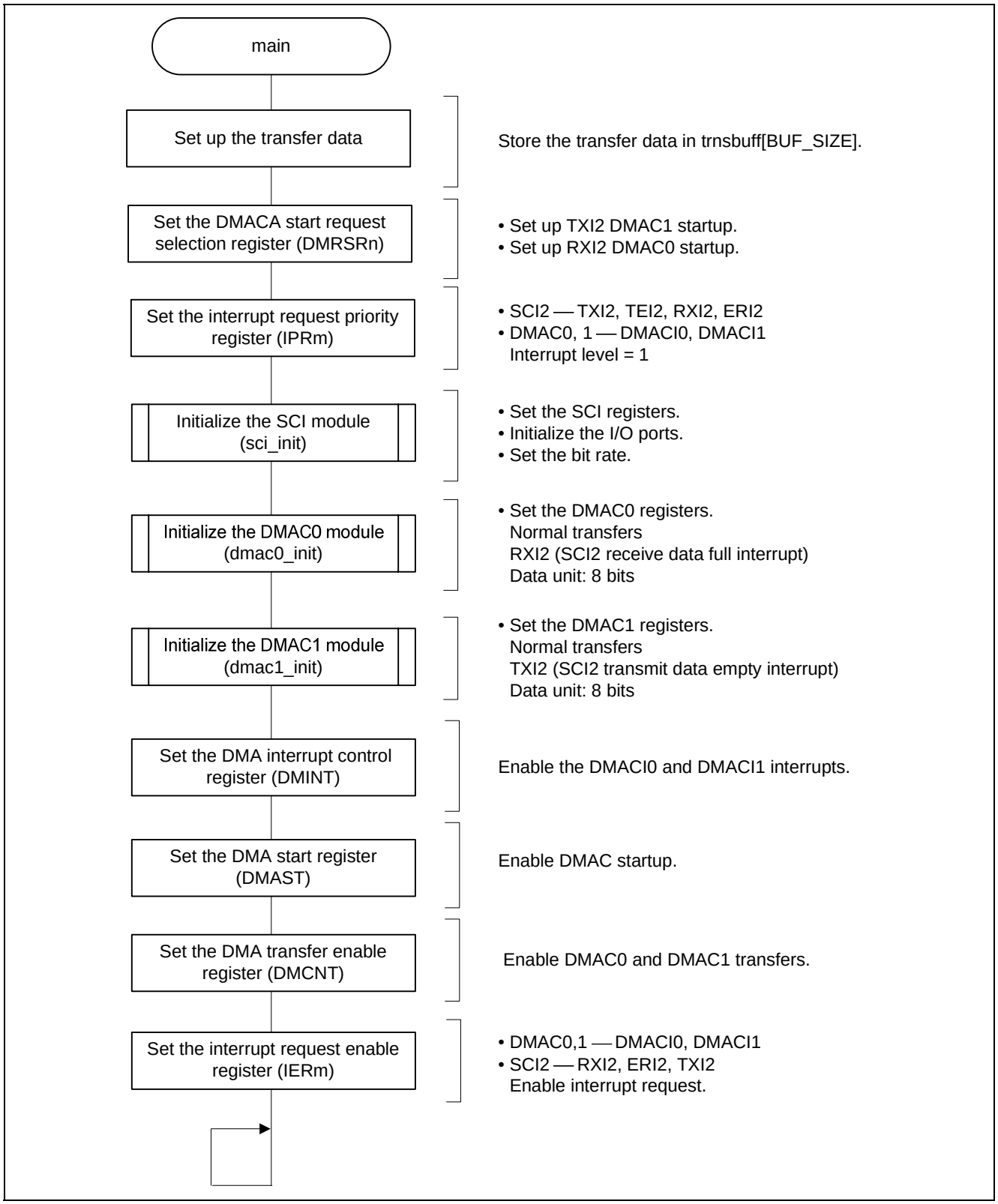


Figure 4 Main Processing

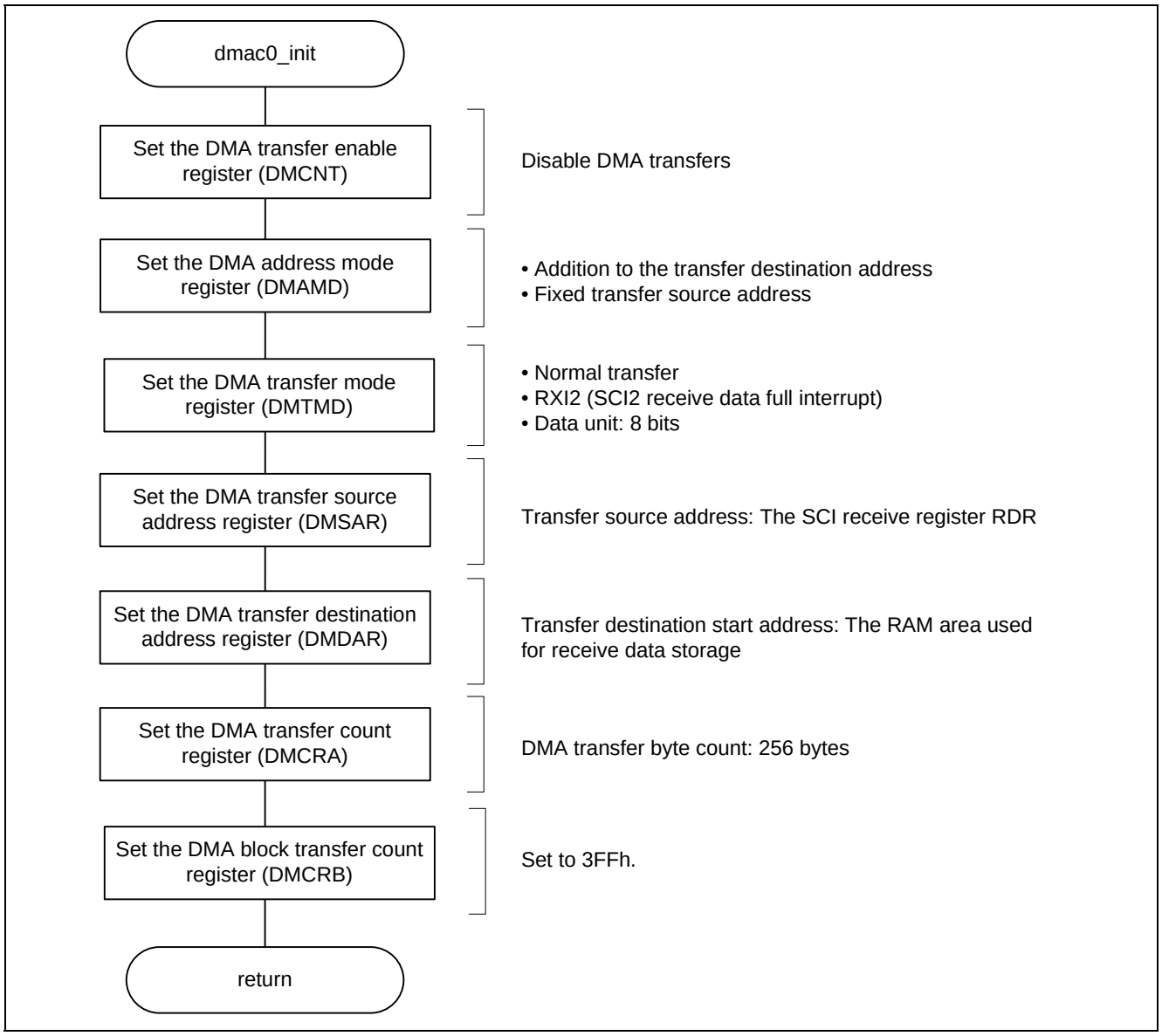


Figure 5 DMAC0 Initialization

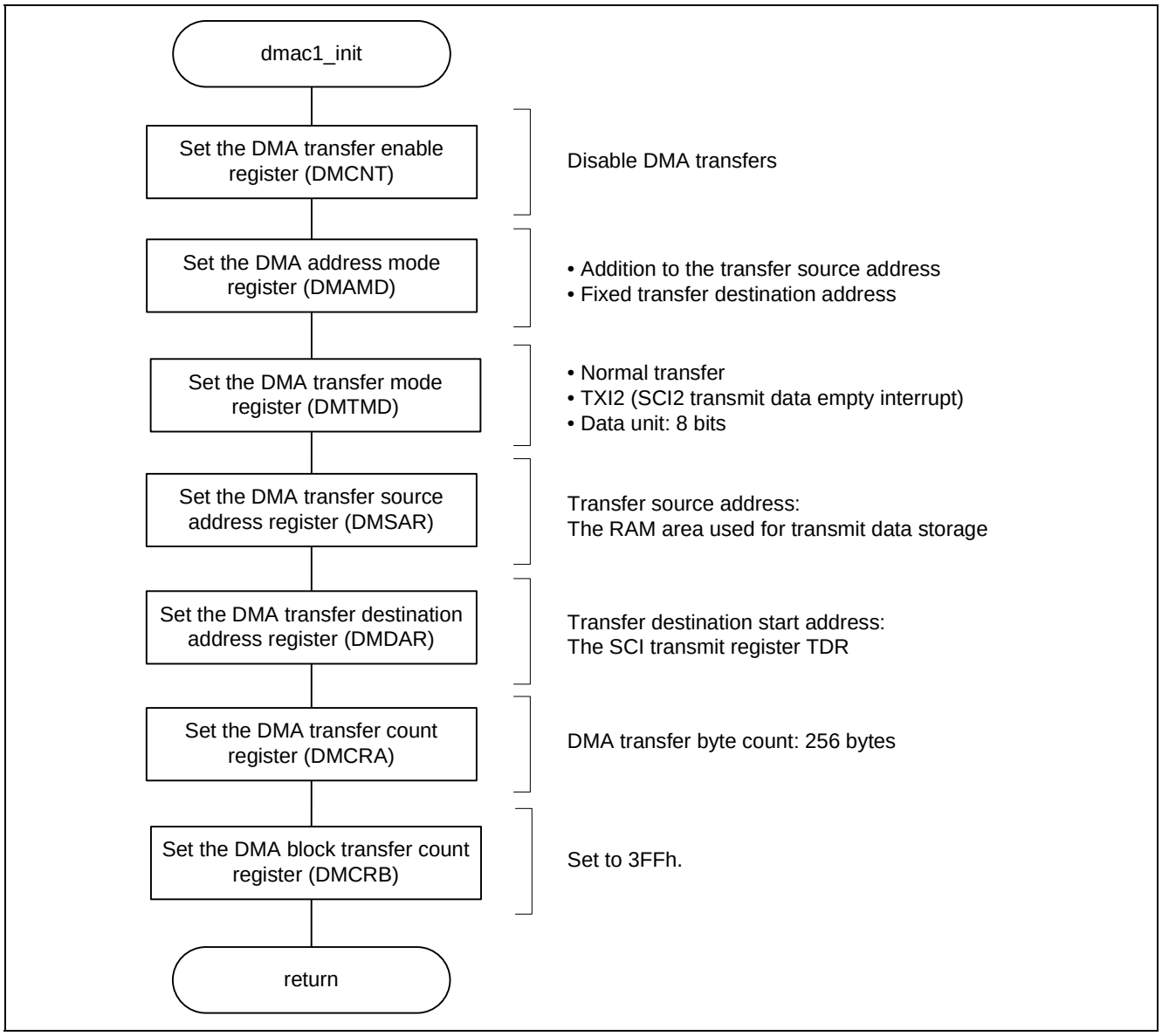


Figure 6 DMAC1 Initialization

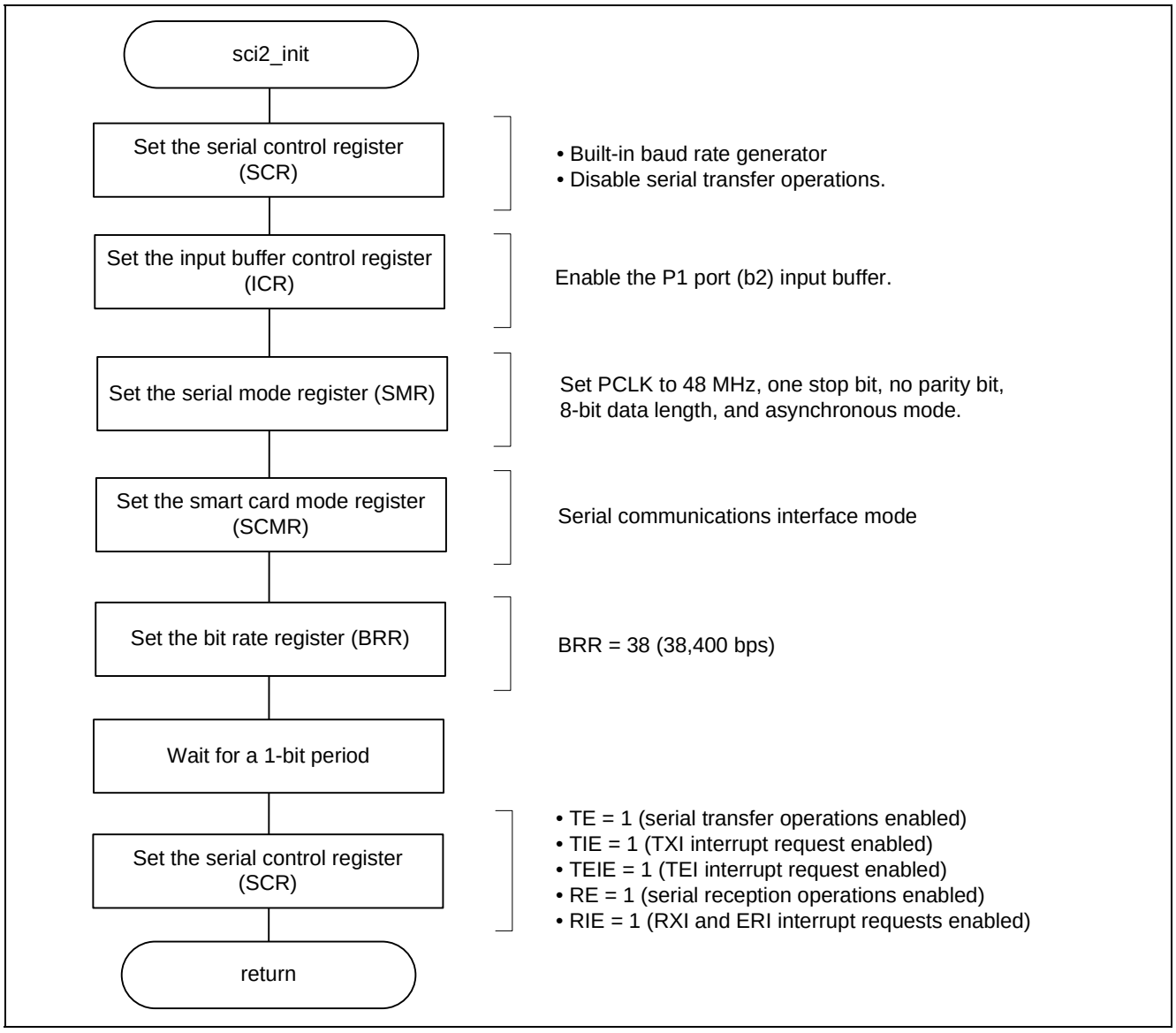


Figure 7 SCI Initialization

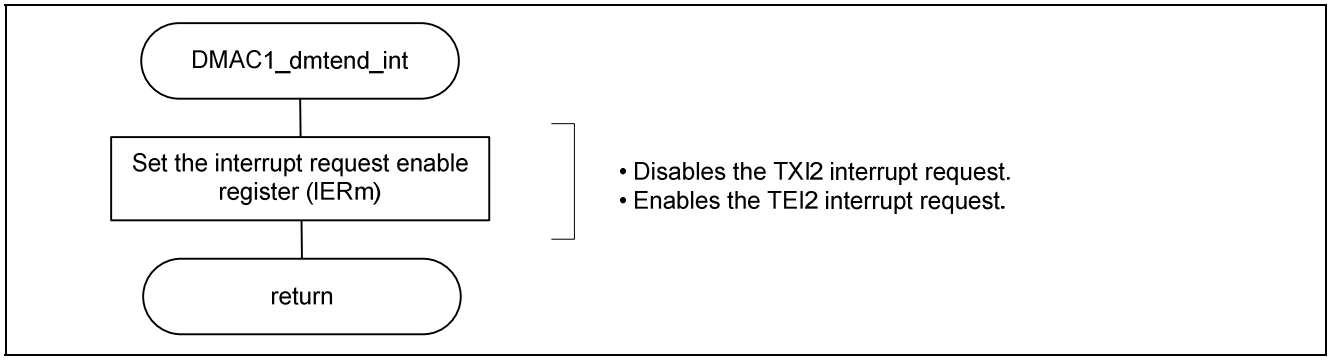
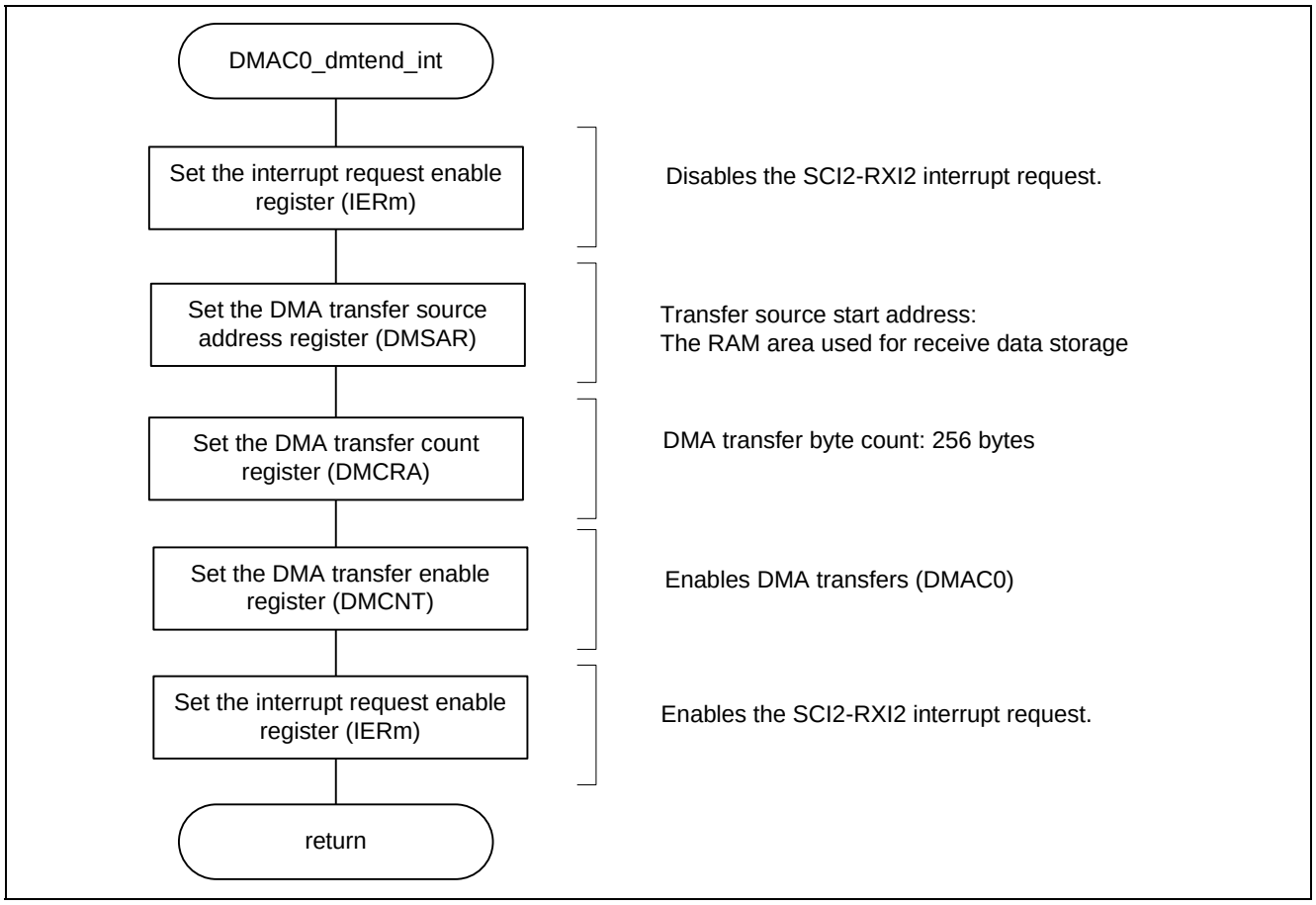


Figure 8 DMAC1 Transfer Complete Interrupt



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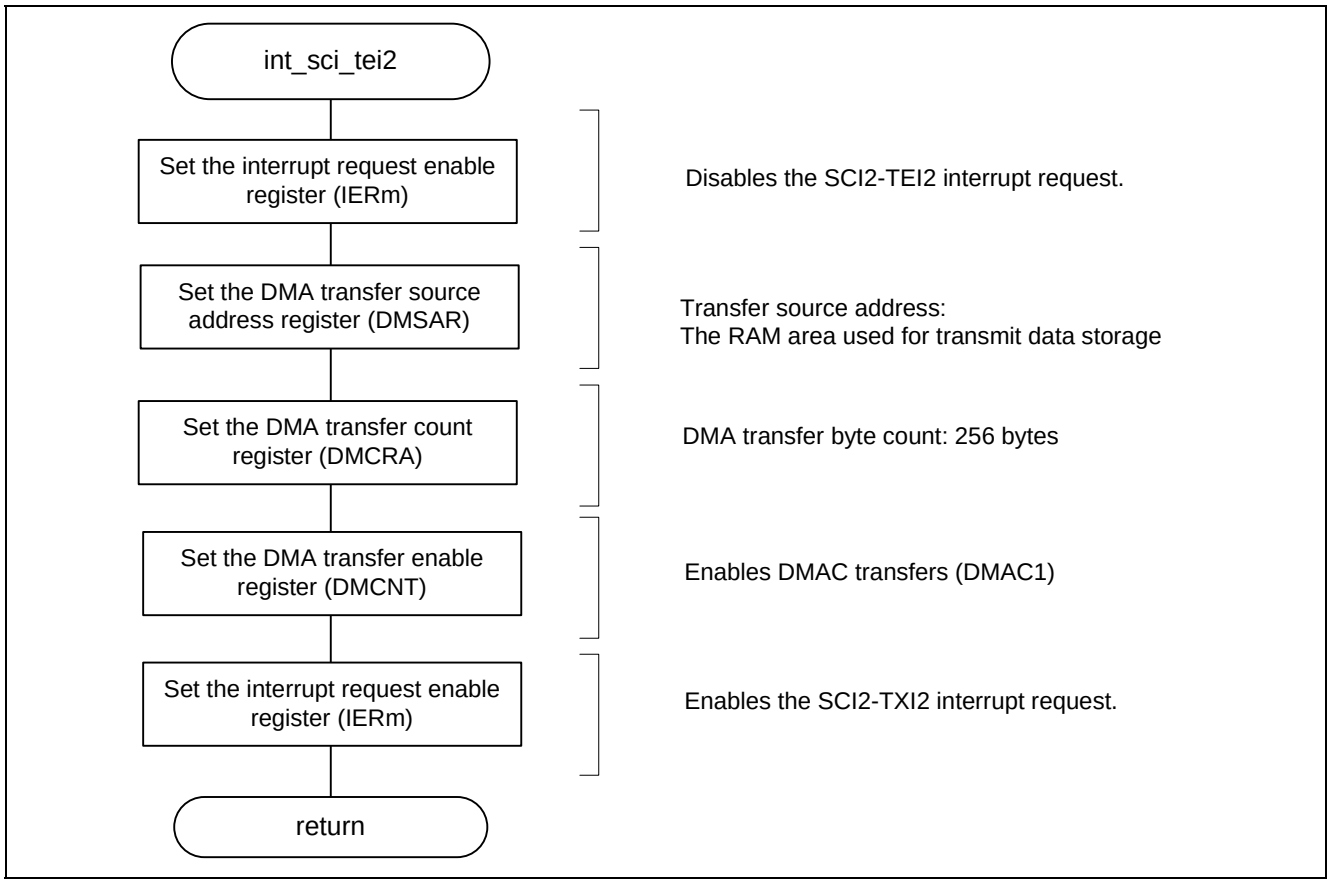

Figure 10 Transmit Complete Interrupt

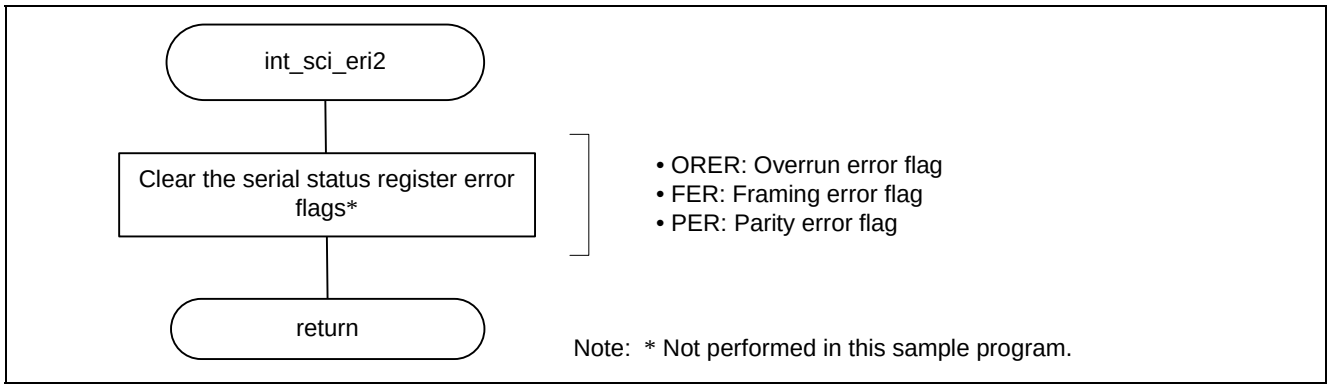

Figure 11 Receive Error Interrupt

6. Reference Documents

- Hardware Manual
  RX62N Group, RX621 Group User's Manual: Hardware
  (The latest version can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics Web site.)
- Software Manual
  RX Family User's Manual: Software
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2. Processing at Power-on

   The state of the product is undefined at the moment when power is supplied.

   — The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the moment when power is supplied.
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   Access to reserved addresses is prohibited.

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4. Clock Signals

   After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal has become stable. When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal has stabilized.

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