

Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) Quick Reference

What does the SIE cover?

The exam covers basic securities industry information including concepts fundamental to working in the industry, such as types of products and their risks; the structure of the securities industry markets, regulatory agencies and their functions; and prohibited practices.

Who can take the SIE?

Anyone age 18 or older

What does the SIE cost?

\$80

How many questions are on the exam?

75 multiple-choice questions and 10 additional unscored questions

How much time do I have to take the exam?

1 hour and 45 minutes

When and where do I take the exam?

You may take the SIE either online or in person at a test center. Once you enroll, you will have 120 calendar days to schedule and take the exam.

How long are SIE results valid to get into the industry?

4 years from the date you pass

Why should I take the SIE?

Passing the SIE is the first step toward getting a job in the securities industry. It shows prospective employers that you've mastered fundamental concepts and you're ready to take that first step into a new career.

For more information, see www.FINRA.org/SIE

What is FINRA?

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