

Web CRD

Form BR Filing

About Form BR

The Form BR is the Uniform Branch Office Registration Form used for branch office registration, notice filing, closing and/or withdrawal. Broker-dealers and State-registered Investment Advisers can use this form to register or notice file their branch offices in the appropriate jurisdictions and/or with SROs. Firms that are required to register and/or notice file with regulators that are not utilizing the electronic filing process should contact the appropriate regulator for specific filing instructions or requirements.

(SEC-registered Investment Advisors will <u>not</u> use Form BR and should continue to adhere to Form ADV instructions regarding reporting branches to SEC.)

NOTE: A revised version of Form BR became effective in April 2014. For a detailed explanation of the changes to the form and impacts to filers, please refer to www.finra.org/crd/branchoffice.

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Questions on Web CRD? Call the FINRA Gateway Call Center at **301-869-6699** 8 A.M. - 8 P.M., ET, Monday-Friday.

Access Web CRD

Web CRD can be accessed (2) ways:

- 1. FINRA Firm Gateway at -> https://firms.finra.org, or
- 2. Directly at —> https://crd.finra.org

Enter your **User ID** and **Password**.

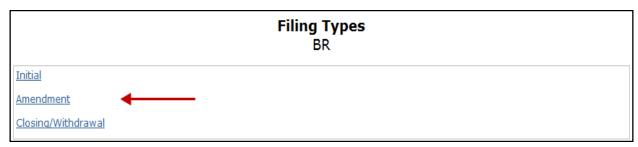
If you access via FINRA Firm Gateway, click on the **Web CRD** tab.

Once you have accessed Web CRD, you may navigate through the system as needed.

Accessing Form BR

Form BR can be accessed via the Web CRD® sitemap. Form filing entitlement privileges are required to submit filings via Web CRD. For questions regarding your entitlement privileges, please contact your firm's Super Account Administrator or Account Administrator.

Form BR Filing Types



Form Type	Purpose	
Initial	To register or notice file a new branch office with SROs and jurisdictions, as appropriate	
Amendment	To add or change information for an existing branch.	
Closing/Withdrawal To terminate a branch office registration or notice filing and/or to withdraw initial filing prior to approval by an SRO or jurisdiction.		

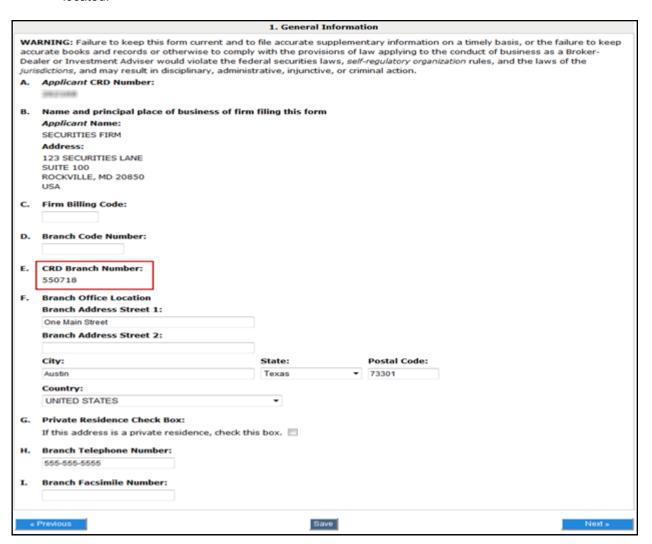
Form BR Sections

You will only see sections that are relevant to the type of filing you are completing (e.g., if you are completing an Initial Form BR filing, you will not see sections for Closing/Withdrawal on the Initial filing).

Section 1. General Information

This section is available for the following Form BR filing types: Initial, Amendment, and Closing/Withdrawal (Read-Only)

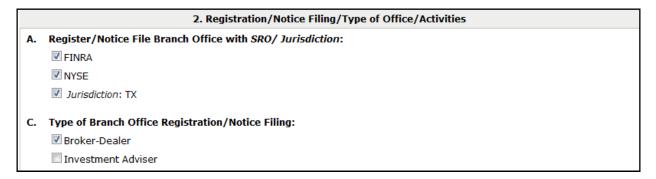
- The filing firm's CRD number and main office address will be pre-populated.
- On an Initial filing, a new CRD branch number will be automatically generated for the location.
- The branch address and telephone number are required. Firms may also provide an internal branch code and/or billing code.
- A PO Box number is not permitted in the section titled Branch Address Street 1. When providing
 a PO Box, enter the address in Branch Address Street 1 and the PO Box in Branch Address
 Street 2. This address is intended to capture an actual location, not a mailing address.
- The system will verify that the postal code provided is valid for the state where the branch is located.



Section 2. Registration/Notice Filing/Type of Office/Activities

This section is available for the following Form BR filing types: Initial and Amendment.

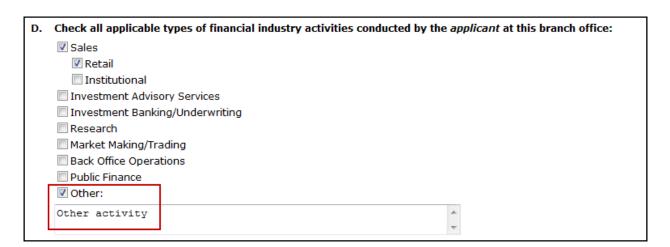
- The CRD system will pre-populate the applicable checkboxes for SRO(s) and/or jurisdiction(s) that the applicant may be required to register or notice file the branch with, based on the office location.
- If the form does not allow the user to select jurisdiction where the branch is located, this means
 that the jurisdiction does not participate in online Form BR submissions. Please refer to the
 Jurisdiction Fee/Setting Schedule for a list of state branch settings, now available on the CRD
 and IARD sitemaps.
- The applicant must indicate whether the office is registering as a broker-dealer and/or investment adviser branch location.



Financial Industry Activities

Applicants are required to select the type of financial industry activities conducted at each branch.

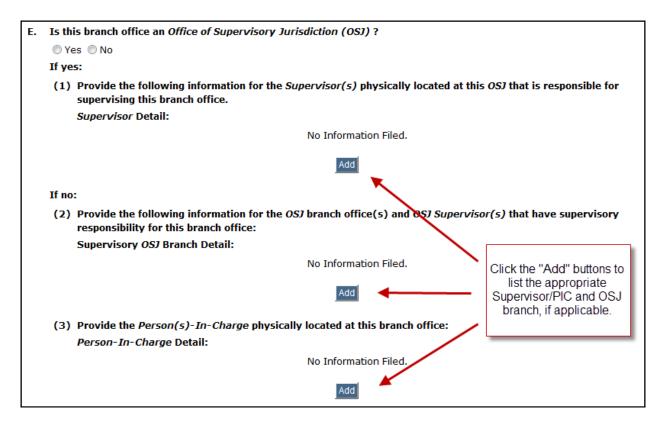
• If the "Other:" option is selected, a description is required.



FINRA Office of Supervisory Jurisdiction (OSJ) and Non-OSJ Branches

In Section 2 of Form BR, the applicant must indicate whether the office is a FINRA OSJ or non-OSJ branch.

- If the branch is an OSJ, the applicant must provide the on-site supervisor(s) at the location. Individuals listed as supervisors must hold a current principal registration with the filing firm.
- If the branch is not an OSJ, the applicant must provide the off-site OSJ branch(es) and qualified individual supervisor(s) that are responsible supervising this location.
- Non-OSJ branches must also list an on-site Person-in-Charge (PIC) that serves as a contact for that location. Individuals listed as a PIC must hold an active registration with the filing firm.

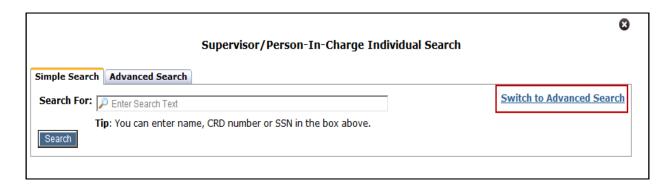


FINRA Supervisor/Person in Charge (PIC) Requirements		
FINRA OSJ Branch	On-site Supervisor is required.	PIC is not allowed.
FINRA Non-OSJ Branch	Off-site OSJ branch(es) and individual Supervisor(s) are required.	On-site PIC is required.

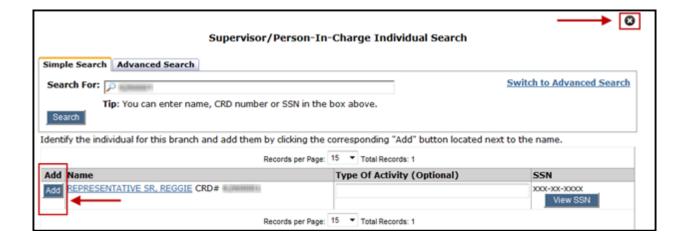
Adding an On-site Supervisor/PIC

When clicking the "Add" button to list the appropriate on-site supervisor and/or PIC, a pop-up will display allowing the user to search for the desired individual(s).

- Search by name, CRD number or SSN.
- The default search mode is Simple Search. Users can switch to Advanced Search if needed.



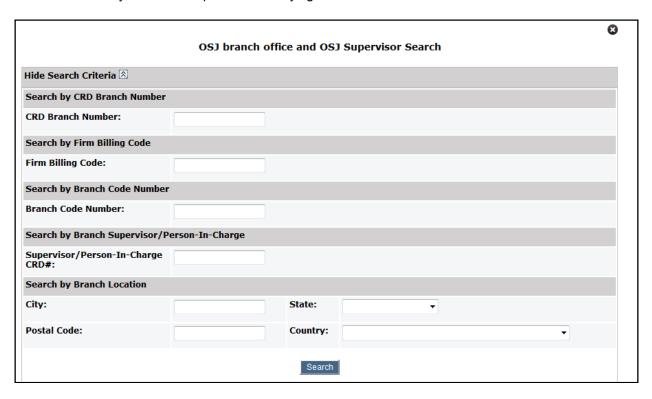
Once the desired individual is located, click the "Add" button next to the individual's name to add them to your filing. When all individuals have been added, use the "X" icon in the top-right to close the pop-up and return to the form.



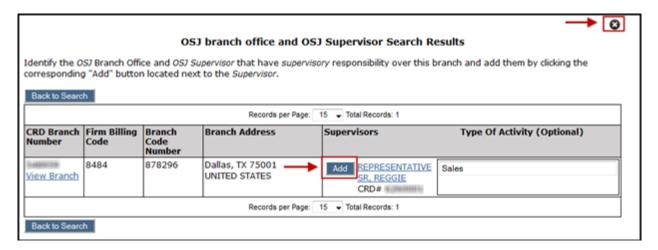
Adding an Off-site OSJ Branch and Supervisor

When clicking the "Add" button to list the appropriate off-site OSJ branch and Supervisor, a pop-up will display allowing the user to search for the desired supervising branch and individual.

Search by branch or supervisor identifying information.



Once the desired OSJ and supervisor have been located, click the "Add" button next to the individual's name to add them to your filing. When all OSJs and supervisors have been added, use the "X' icon in the top-right to close the pop-up and return to the form.



Section 3. Other Business Activities/Names/Websites

This section is available for the following Form BR filing types: Initial and Amendment.

- Firms must enter any other financial industry activities conducted at the branch office and any other names under which the branch office is conducting business.
- Firms must also provide Website addresses used by the branch office, other than the applicant's primary Website address.

Section 4. Branch Office Arrangements

This section is available for the following Form BR filing types: Initial and Amendment.

• Firms must provide information relating to office sharing arrangements of the branch office.

Section 5. Associated Individuals

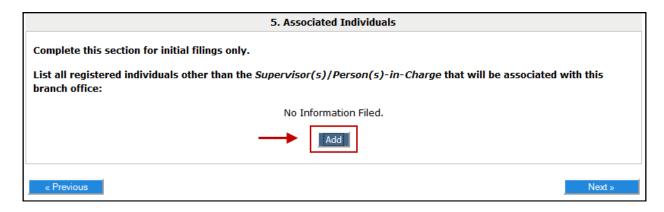
This section is <u>only</u> available on the Initial Form BR filing type.

- Firms are able to associate registered individuals with a new branch office.
- Individuals provided on a branch's Associated Individuals list may not be listed on the branch's Supervisor/PIC list in **Section 2. Registration/Notice Filing/Type of Office**.

(Once the Initial Form BR is submitted, updates to an individual's association with the branch office must be made on Form U4.)

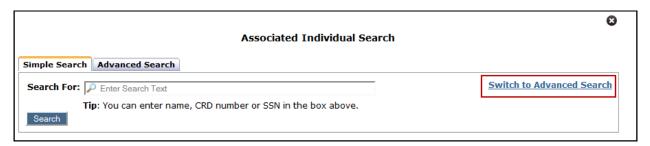
Adding Associated Individuals on an Initial Form BR

To associate individuals in Section 5 with a new branch office, click the "Add" button.

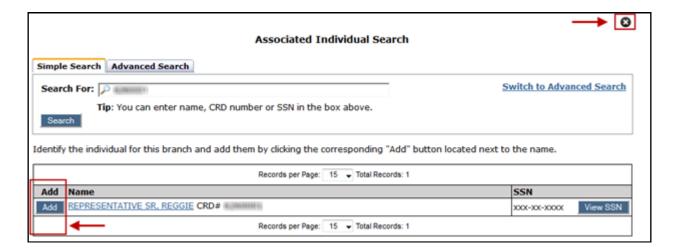


Next, a pop-up will display allowing the user to search for the desired individual(s).

- Search by name, CRD number or SSN.
- The default search mode is Simple Search. Users can switch to Advanced Search if needed.



Once the desired individual is located, click the "Add" button next to the individual's name to add them to your filing. When all individuals have been added, use the "X' icon in the top-right to close the pop-up and return to the form.



Section 6. Branch Closing / Section 7. Branch Withdrawal

This section is available for the following Form BR filing type: Closing/Withdrawal.

- The **Branch Closing** section appears when the branch has an Approved registration or Open notice filing status.
- The **Branch Withdrawal** section appears when a branch has a Pending or Deficient registration request, or a Deficient Notice Filing request.
- Both sections will appear on the filing if the applicant has both a pending/deficient and an approved/open status with different regulators.
- A future date cannot be entered as the closing or withdrawal date (except during the Renewal period).
- The address provided for the Location of Books and Records cannot be the same as the address of the branch that is closing.

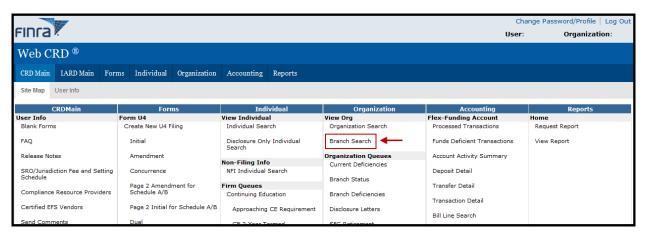
Section 8. Signature

This section is required for <u>all</u> Form BR filing types.

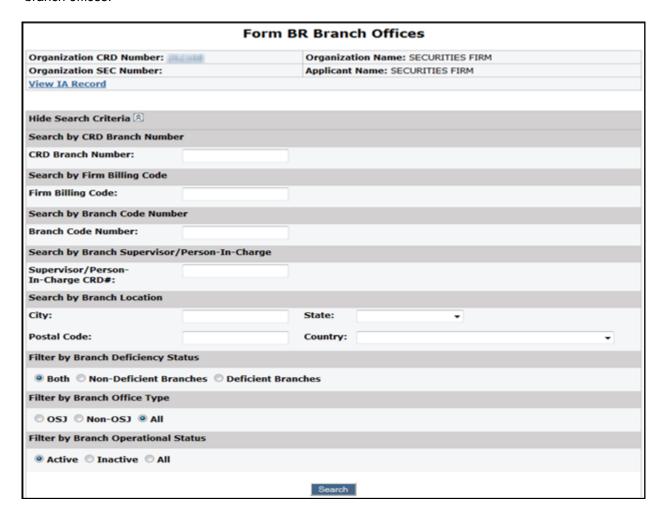
Branch Office Information in View Organization

The Form BR Branch Offices section of View Organization allows firms to view current and historical Branch Office information for branches registered via Form BR.

Firms can search for branches using the **Branch Search** link on the CRD Main page.

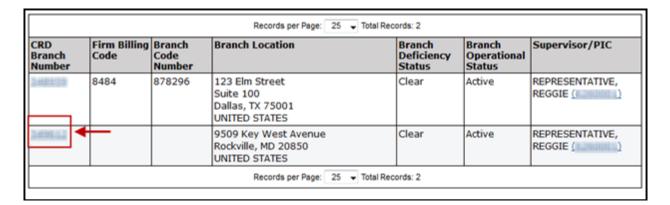


Some of the criteria users can search by are: CRD Branch Number, Firm Billing Code, Branch Code Number, Supervisor/PIC, or Branch Location. Or the search criteria can be left blank to return a list of all branch offices.



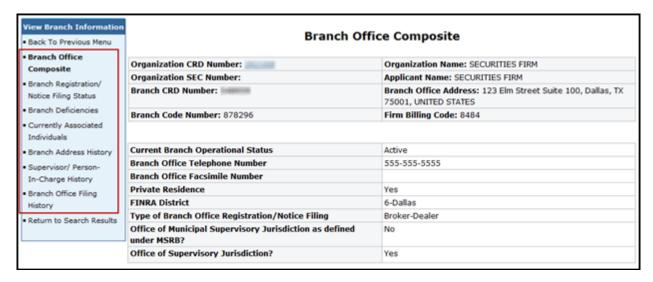
Branch Office Information in View Organization (Continued)

Once the branch search results are displayed, click on the CRD Branch Number hyperlink to view the branch office information for the selected location.



Web CRD defaults to the Branch Composite screen, which displays a snapshot of current information for the branch.

Select from the links on the left navigation panel to view additional branch information, such as: Branch Registration/Notice Filing Status, Branch Deficiencies, Currently Associated Individuals, Branch Address History, Supervisor/Person-In-Charge History, and Branch Office Filing History.



Branch Registration Statuses

Status	Status Code	Description
Abandoned	ABANDONED	This status is manually set for a branch that has not submitted required information to a regulator within the time period specified by the regulator.
Approved	APRVD	This status is set when the branch is approved.
Restricted Approval	APRVDRSTRD	This status is set when the branch is restricted in some manner to the kinds of business that is being transacted.
Closed/Termed	CLSDTRMD	This status is set when a Form BR is filed to close the branch.
Closed/Termed - No Form BR	CLSDTRMDNOBR	This status is set when the branch has been closed without a Form BR filing.
Closed/ Termed - Mass Transfer	TRMDMT	This status is set when a branch with an approved-equivalent registration is closed due to a Mass Transfer.
Closed/ Termed - Mass Transfer - No Registration	CLSDTRMDMTNOREG	This status is set when a branch with a non approved registration is closed due to a Mass Transfer.
Closed/ Termed-Failure to Re- new	FAILDTORNW	This status is set when a firm fails to renew with a jurisdiction, and the branch had an approved-equivalent status.
Closed/ Termed- Failure to Re- new – No Registration	CLSDTRMDFTR- NOREG	This status is set when a firm fails to renew with a jurisdiction, and the branch did not have an approved status.
Deficient	DFCNT	This status is set when the branch is deficient and further action needs to occur.
Pending	PNDNG	This status is set when the branch requires manual approval from a regulator.
Rejected	RJCTD	This status is set when the branch registration is set to rejected.
Revoked	RVKD	This status is set when a regulator revokes the branch's registration.

Branch Registration Statuses (Continued)

Status	Status Code	Description
Suspended	SPNDD	This status is set when the branch registration has been suspended.
Term Requested	TERMREQ	This status is set when a Form BR is filed to close a branch and the branch termination review method is "manual".
Term Requested- No Registration	TERMREQ-NOREG	This status is set when a Form BR is filed to close a branch with a non approved registration and the branch termination review method is "manual".
Withdrawn	WTHDN	This status is set when the branch is closed because of a Form BR filing and the previous status was Deficient or Pending.
Withdrawn-No Form BR Filed	WTHDNNOBR	This status is set when the branch is closed without a Form BR filing and the previous status was Deficient or Pending.

Branch Notice Filing Statuses

Status	Status Code	Description
Closed	CLSD	This status is set when the branch is closed via a Form BR filing.
Closed No Form BR Filed	CLSDNOBR	A status indicating the branch is closed without a Form BR filing.
Closed- Failure to Renew	FAILDTORNW	This status is set when a firm fails to renew with a jurisdiction, and the branch had an approved-equivalent status.
Closed - Mass Transfer	CLSDMT	This status is set when a branch with an approved-equivalent registration is closed due to a Mass Transfer.
Deficient	DFCNT	This status is set when the branch is deficient and further action needs to occur.
Open	OPEN	This status is set when the branch is Opened via a Form BR filing.

Branch Deficiencies

Status Code	Description
FUNDS	Branch Registration/Notice Filing requests have not been processed due to insufficient funds in the Flex-Funding Account.
FINRAOSJSPRVQUALS	FINRA OSJ Supervisor is no longer qualified.
FINRAPRNCPLOSJSPRVQL	FINRA OSJ Supervisor no longer holds current FINRA principal position.
FINRAPRNCPLSPRVQUALS	FINRA Branch Supervisor no longer holds FINRA principal position.
FINRASPRVPICQUALS	A listed Supervisor or Person-in-Charge for FINRA Branch is no longer qualified.
NOSPRVPIC	The only listed Supervisor or Person-in-Charge is no longer with Branch.
NYSEOSJSPRVQUALS	NYSE OSJ Supervisor is no longer qualified.
NYSEPRNCPLOSJSPRVQL	NYSE OSJ Supervisor no longer holds principal position.
NYSEPRNCPLSPRVQUALS	NYSE Branch Supervisor no longer holds principal position.
NYSESPRVPICQUALS	A listed Supervisor or Person-in-Charge for NYSE Branch is no longer qualified.
OSJNACTV	A listed OSJ Branch is inactive.
OSJNOSPRV	A listed OSJ Branch has no valid OSJ Supervisor.
OSJNOSPRVEMPLT	A listed OSJ Supervisor is no longer associated with that OSJ Branch.
PNDNGFIRM	The filing firm does not have an Approved/Open status with the requested regulator.