

Information Notice

New Rate for Fees Paid Under Section 31 of the Exchange Act

Effective Date: April 4, 2026

Summary

Effective April 4, 2026, the Section 31 fee rate applicable to specified securities transactions on the exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets will increase from its current rate of \$0.00 per million dollars in transactions to a new rate of \$20.60 per million dollars in transactions.

Finance-related questions should be directed to:

- ▶ Amanda Rath, Associate Director, Revenue Management, at (240) 386-6637 or by [email](#).

Legal and interpretive questions should be directed to:

- ▶ Robert McNamee, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel (OGC), at (202) 728-8012 or by [email](#); or
- ▶ Faisal Sheikh, Assistant General Counsel, OGC, at (202) 728-8379 or by [email](#).

Discussion

On February 27, 2026, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced in Fee Rate Advisory for Fiscal Year 2026 that, effective April 4, 2026, the Section 31 fee rate applicable to specified securities transactions on the exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets will increase from its current rate of \$0.00 per million dollars in transactions to a new rate of \$20.60 per million dollars in transactions. Until that date, the current rate of \$0.00 per million dollars will remain in effect.¹ The assessment on security futures transactions will remain unchanged at \$0.0042 for each round turn transaction.

March 17, 2026

Suggested Routing

- ▶ Compliance
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Trading

Key Topic(s)

- ▶ Regulatory Transaction Fee
- ▶ Section 31 Fees

Referenced Rules

- ▶ Section 3 of Schedule A to the FINRA By-Laws
- ▶ Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 31 of the Exchange Act requires the SEC to annually adjust the fee rates applicable under Section 31 and, in some circumstances, to make a mid-year adjustment, after consultation with the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

The SEC will issue further *Notices* as appropriate, and the *Notices* will be posted on the [SEC website](#).

FINRA obtains its Section 31 fees from member firms, in accordance with Section 3 of Schedule A to the By-Laws. Section 3 specifies that the amount assessed on firms will be determined periodically in accordance with Section 31 of the Exchange Act.

Endnote

1. For purposes of FINRA calculations, the “charge date” is the trade date, not the settlement date. See 17 CFR 240.31(a)(3). Thus, the new rate will apply to applicable covered sales in the over-the-counter market with a trade date of April 4, 2026, or later.