About Form BD

The Form BD (Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration) is used to register a broker-dealer with the SEC, SROs and jurisdictions. Firms can create and submit Form BD Initial and Amendment filings electronically through Web CRD.

Defined terms are italicized throughout the Form BD. When the cursor is positioned over any part of an italicized word or phrase, the definition of that word or phrase appears in a small pop-up box. If the definition is too large to display in the pop-up, click the More hyperlink to open a second browser with the complete definition from the Explanation of Terms.

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**Creating a Form BD Filing**

Web CRD can be accessed (2) ways:

1. FINRA Firm Gateway at ——> [https://firms.finra.org](https://firms.finra.org), or
2. Directly at ——> [https://crd.finra.org](https://crd.finra.org).

Enter your **User ID** and **Password**. (If you access via FINRA Firm Gateway, click on the **Web CRD** tab.)

There are two ways to access a Form BD filing:

1. From the CRD Site Map, click the Initial or Amendment hyperlink
   
   ![Form BD Filing Diagram](image)

   OR

2. Click the Forms Tab from the Tool Bar, choose BD Form from the Sub-menu and then select the filing type on the next screen.
   
   ![Web CRD Screenshot](image)
Form BD Filing Types

The Form BD is the Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer registration with the SEC, SROs and jurisdictions. It provides background information on the applicant and the nature of its business. It includes lists of the executive officers and general partners of the company. It also contains information on any securities violations.

There are two (2) Form BD filing types:

1. **Initial** – This form is used by new broker-dealer firms to apply with the SEC, SROs and jurisdictions. The form can now be submitted electronically through CRD. See the [Register a New Firm](#) page for more information on FINRA membership.

2. **Amendments** – Amendments are used to add or change information on an existing Form BD. The applicant must update the Form BD information by submitting amendments whenever the information on file becomes inaccurate or incomplete for any reason.

Once the appropriate filing type is created, additional form instructions will display.
Schedule A - Direct Owners/Executive Officers

To access Schedule A during a Form BD filing, click Direct Owners/Executive Officers from the Navigation Bar.

To create a new Direct Owner/Executive Officer, click the Create New Direct Owner/Executive Officer button and complete the required fields.

Tip: When adding an individual that is not registered with the firm, firms must first submit the Page 2 Initial U4 to associate the person with the firm. After the Page 2 is submitted, the firm can then add the person to Schedule A.

OR

To update an existing Direct Owner/Executive Officer, click the Name hyperlink and type new information in the appropriate fields.

OR

To terminate a Direct Owner/Executive Officer, click the Name hyperlink and click the Check here to terminate this Owner box.

To delete a Direct Owner/Executive Officer from a current filing that has not yet been submitted, click the Name hyperlink, click the Delete button and choose OK.

Click the Save button.
Schedule B - Indirect Owners

To access Schedule B during a Form BD filing, click Indirect Owners from the Navigation Bar.

To create a new Indirect Owner, click the Create New Indirect Owner button and complete the required fields.

Tip: When adding an individual that is not registered with the firm, firms must first submit the Page 2 Initial U4 to associate the person with the firm. After the Page 2 is submitted, the firm can then add the person to Schedule B.

OR

To update an existing Indirect Owner, click the Name hyperlink and type new information in the appropriate fields.

OR

To terminate an Indirect Owner, click the Name hyperlink and click the Check here to terminate this Owner box.

OR

To delete an Indirect Owner from a current filing that has not yet been submitted, click the Name hyperlink, click the Delete button and choose OK.

Click the Save button.
Completing a Form BD Disclosure Reporting Page (DRP)

Access a DRP during a Form BD filing,

**NOTE:** Disclosure Reporting Pages must be completed to provide information on a Yes answer to a Disclosure Question.

Click DRPs from the main Navigation Bar.

**NOTE:** The new Navigation Bar provides access to the various types of DRPs.

Click the applicable DRP type from the Navigation Bar.

![Form BD Disclosure Questions and Corresponding DRPs]

**NOTE:** The DRP questions vary based on the corresponding disclosure section (i.e. Bankruptcy/SIPC, Bond, Civil Judicial, Criminal, Judgment/Lien or Regulatory Action); this page serves to assist you in determining which DRP you should complete. The following is an example of a Regulatory Action DRP:

To revise or update an existing DRP, click the **Edit** hyperlink.

![SECURITIES FIRM: 08000]

**Filing Tip**

To delete a new DRP that was created on a filing that has not yet been submitted, click the **Edit** hyperlink, and then click the **Delete** button at the bottom of the DRP.
Completing a Form BD Disclosure Reporting Page (DRP) (continued)

To report a new DRP, click the Create New button, located at the bottom of the screen.

Click the box next to the Disclosure Question that received a Yes response. The Click here to view question text hyperlink displays the question.

NOTE: The Initial or Amended radio buttons are automatically pre-populated by the form and cannot be edited.

PART I:

Click The Applicant, Applicant and One or more control affiliates or One or more control affiliates radio button. If The Applicant radio button is selected, go to Part II to continue with the DRP.

If Applicant and One or more control affiliates or One or more control affiliates radio button is selected: click the Create New Control Affiliate button and add the affiliate. If the affiliate has already reported the event on their own filing, Part II is not required.

PART II:

Only complete this section if the event applies to only The Applicant, or if it applies to an affiliate that is not registered in CRD/IARD and has not already reported the event on their own filings.
Removing an existing DRP:
If the DRP should be removed from the BD record because the control affiliate(s) are no longer associated with the BD, click the box and continue as needed.
Printing a Form BD Filing

Create a new filing or access a Pending Form BD filing,

Select **Print Preview** from the Submissions Menu.

For best results, click the **Printer Friendly** icon in the top right of the screen.

(Note: The exact format of the printout will depend largely on your browser’s print settings.)

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**NOTE:** A paper copy of the form, with original manual signatures, is required to be retained by the filing firm and made available for inspection upon regulatory request. Please review the General Instructions for specific retention requirements.
Submitting a Form BD Filing

Click the **Completeness Check** hyperlink from the Submissions Menu.

![Submissions Menu]

**NOTE:** You can perform a Completeness Check at any time during the Form Filing process by selecting Completeness Check. In addition, attempting to submit the form filing with incomplete fields will open the Completeness Check error screen. If the filing passes a Completeness you can submit the filing.

Click the **Error Location** hyperlink(s) and complete the necessary fields until all errors have been corrected.

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<th>Error Description</th>
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<td>Execution Page Information</td>
<td>The Name of Authorized Signature is required.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Execution Page Information</td>
<td>The Date of Execution is required.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Submitting a Form BD Filing (continued)

Click **Submit Filing** from the Submissions Menu when ready to submit the filing to CRD.

![Submissions Menu](image)

**NOTE:** When Submit Filing is selected prior to running a Completeness Check, CRD will automatically run a Completeness Check to verify that all required information has been provided. If information has not been completed in the required fields, the Completeness Check will display the error screen with links to the required fields to be completed.

Click the **Submit Filing** button.

![Completeness Check Passed Successfully](image)

Click the **OK** button.

![Filing Queued for Submission](image)
Retrieving Pending BD and BDW Filings

CRD automatically deletes pending filings after 180 days if the filing is not submitted. There are two ways to access pending filings:

From the Site Map, click the **Pending BD Filings** or **Pending BDW Filings** hyperlink.

**OR**

Click the **Forms** Tab from the Tool Bar, choose **Form BD** or **Form BDW** from the Sub-menu and click **Pending Filings** from the Navigation Bar.

Select the **Ascending** or **Descending** radio button and click the Search button.

To continue with a Pending filing, click the **Filing ID** hyperlink.

**OR**

To delete a Pending filing, click the **Delete** hyperlink.
Retrieving Pending BD and BDW Filings (continued)

Click each section of the **Pending** filing from the Navigation Bar, type the appropriate information and click the **Save** button.

![Diagram of Submissions and BD Filing options]

**A. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Form BD** is the Uniform Application for Broker-Dealer Registration. Broker-Dealers must file this form to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the self-regulatory organizations, and jurisdictions through the Central Registration Depository (“CRD”) system, operated by the FINRA.

2. **UPDATE** - By law, the applicant must promptly update Form BD information by submitting amendments whenever the information on file becomes inaccurate or incomplete for any reason.

3. **CONTACT EMPLOYEE** - The individual listed as the contact employee must be authorized to receive all compliance information, communications, and mailings, and be responsible for disseminating it within the applicant’s organization.

4. **GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ACTIVITIES**

   A. Broker-dealers registered or applicants applying for registration under Section 15(b) of the Exchange Act that conduct (or intend to conduct) a government securities business in addition to other broker-dealer activities (if any) must file a notice on Form BD by answering “yes” to Item 2B.

   B. Section 35C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires sole government securities broker-dealers to register with the SEC. To do so, answer “yes” to

**NOTE:** To view sections changed from the previous filing while the filing is in Pending, Click **Print Preview** on the Navigation Panel and select **View Only Sections Changed.** If a section was not changed “No Information Filed” message will display.

![Diagram of Submissions and View History options]
Viewing Historical Forms BD and BDW Filings

There are two ways to access historical filings:

From the Site Map, click the Historical BD Filings or Historical BDW Filings hyperlink.

OR

Click the Forms Tab from the Tool Bar, choose BD Form, BDW Form or BR Form from the Sub-menu and click Historical Filings from the Navigation Bar.

Click the Filing Date hyperlink to display the filing.

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<td>Amendment</td>
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NOTE: The type of Historical Filing will be displayed under the Historical Filing Search Results Header (e.g., BD or BDW)

Click View Changes on Filing to see the modifications made on that filing in red.

OR

Click View Only Sections Changed to see just the sections changed on that amendment.

OR

Click each page from the Navigation Bar to view the filing by page.

OR

Click All Pages to view the filing in its entirety.
Tips for Submitting Forms BD and BDW

- Pending BD filings can remain pending for up to 180 days, and Pending BDW filings can remain pending for up to 60 days. Pending filings that are not submitted prior to the cutoff will be deleted from the system and cannot be recovered.

- If any part of the firm’s CRD record is updated while a filing is pending, the pending filing will be set to read-only and will have to be restarted.

- For the Applicant Information Section of BD Amendment filing, the “Business” telephone number entered in item 1G is released through FINRA’s BrokerCheck program.

- When changing a firm’s name, be sure to reserve the name by written request to FINRA’s Registration and Disclosure Department using the Firm Name Reservation Request Form.

- If deleting existing listings on Schedule D of the Form BD (Items 7, 8A-C, 9A-B, and/or 10A-B), you must enter a Termination Date. The Delete button only deletes information that has not yet been submitted on a filing.

- Be sure that you click the Edit hyperlink when updating a DRP (do not create a new DRP, as this will create duplicate occurrences).

- When filing a DRP involving a Control Affiliate, the name of that Control Affiliate must be listed in Part IA of the DRP.

- If an individual acts in several capacities with the firm, do not list the individual multiple times on Schedule A or Schedule B. List the individual once on the appropriate schedule(s) and indicate all statuses held by that individual (e.g., FINOP/President/COO). In the Date Status Acquired field, enter the most recent effective date, i.e., the date the individual acquired his newest status.

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