

If you've invested

\$25,000 or more

in a mutual fund and paid an upfront sales charge, you could be entitled to a breakpoint refund.

Mutual funds have different ways of charging investors. Some funds charge an upfront sales commission or front-end load. Discounts on these charges are regularly offered for larger mutual fund investments – usually starting at \$50,000, but sometimes as low as \$25,000. An NASD investigation has determined that many investors have not received the discounts owed to them.

Are you one of these investors? Ask yourself:

- ✓ Have I purchased a mutual fund with a front-end sales load?
- ✓ Have I purchased additional funds in the same fund family?
- ✓ Have close family members purchased shares of this fund or fund family?
- ✓ Is the total of my purchases and my family's purchases together greater than \$25,000?

If you should have received a discount, NASD requires your brokerage firm to pay a refund. Contact your financial advisor if you think you may be entitled to a breakpoint refund. Or visit nasd.com for more information.

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