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Web-Based Regulatory Applications

NASD Regulation To Launch Additional Form Filing Regulatory Applications

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Executive Summary

NASD Regulation, Inc. (NASD Regulation[™]) will deploy the following four additional Web-Based Form Filing Regulatory Applications to National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD[®]) members during the first quarter of 2000.

- Bluesheets (NASD Procedural Rules 8210, 8211, and 8213);
- Customer Complaints (NASD Conduct Rule 3070);
- Reg T/15c3-3 Extension Requests; and
- Shorts Interest Reporting (NASD Conduct Rule 3360).

These regulatory applications will allow firms to use the same entitlement user account and password used to access Web-Based FOCUS—the first of the form filing applications launched a few months ago. Like Web-Based FOCUS, firms will no longer need to load software or file via Sprint Telenet or the Securities Industry Automation Corporation (SIAC), but instead can access all of the form filing applications with one Internet address:

https://regulationformfiling.nasdr.com.

Firms must use these new Web-Based applications beginning first quarter of 2000. The old filing methods will no longer be available.

Questions/Further Information

For further information or if you have questions about the new Web-Based form filing applications, call (800) 321-NASD, or send an e-mail to:

nasdregformfiling@nasd.com.

Questions And Answers About The New Web-Based Applications

Who would be required to file using these form filing applications?

If your firm is designated to NASD Regulation for regulatory oversight, then your firm is required to file Customer Complaints, RegT/15c3-3 Extension Requests, and Shorts Interest Reporting to the NASD utilizing these applications. The Bluesheets application can be used by all NASD members that receive Bluesheet requests from the NASD pursuant to NASD Procedural Rules 8210, 8211, and 8213.

How do I prepare for the new form filing regulatory applications?

Your firm must be entitled to use any of the new form filing regulatory applications. Contact your firm's Web-Based FOCUS Account Administrator to request the additional entitlements. The Account Administrator—that would have been identified through the Web-Based FOCUS entitlement process—can request additional user entitlements online via the Entitlement Administration Tool of the Web-Based FOCUS application.

What if I am a Web-Based FOCUS Account Administrator and will also be the Account Administrator for the other new form filing regulatory applications?

The firm must submit a Regulation Applications Administrator Entitlement Form for *each Account Administrator* that is requesting additional entitlement privileges.

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What if my firm would like to have a separate Account Administrator for each form filing application?

The member firm has the option to appoint separate Account Administrators for each application. It is recommended that each Account Administrator have a backup or alternate. For new Account Administrators, firms must

submit a Regulation Applications User Accounts Acknowledgment Form (UAAF) and Regulation Applications Administrator Entitlement Form. Firms should have received copies of these forms from NASD Regulation during the Web-Based FOCUS entitlement process. If you need another copy of these forms, call (800) 321-NASD, or send an e-mail to nasdregformfiling@nasd.com.

Are the system requirements for these new applications different than for Web-Based FOCUS?

The system requirements for form filing regulatory applications are the same as Web-Based FOCUS.

See below for system requirements.

System Requirements

Minimum Client Required

Hardware: Pentium x90MHz 16MB

Operating System: Windows 95

Windows NT 4.0

Modem: 28.8KB

Web Browser: Internet Explorer 4.01 SP2

Netscape 4.05

Web Browser

Javascript enabled (this is specifics: usually the default setting)*

Screen Resolution: 800 x 600

Recommended Client

Hardware: Pentium x133MHz 32MB

Operating System: Windows 95 / 98

Windows NT 4.0

Modem: 56KB

Web Browser: Internet Explorer 4.01 SP2

Netscape 4.05

Web Browser
Javascript enabled (this is specifics: usually the default setting)*

Screen Resolution: 1024 x 768

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^{*} The system will not function without Javascript enabled.