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INTRODUCTION
The Series 9/10 exam is the General Securities Sales Supervisor Qualification Examination. The exam is developed and maintained by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). This content outline provides a comprehensive guide to the topics covered on the Series 9/10 exam. The outline is intended to familiarize exam candidates with the range of subjects covered on the exam, as well as the depth of knowledge required. Sample items are also included to acquaint candidates with the types of multiple-choice items used on the exam. It is recommended that candidates refer to the content outline as part of their preparation to take the exam. Candidates are responsible for planning their course of study in preparation for the exam.

PURPOSE OF THE EXAM
The Series 9/10 exam is designed to assess the competency of General Securities Sales Supervisors. It is intended to safeguard the investing public by helping to ensure that General Securities Sales Supervisors are competent to perform their jobs. Given this purpose, the Series 9/10 exam seeks to measure the degree to which each candidate possesses the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to perform the critical functions of a General Securities Sales Supervisor. For more information about the permissible activities of a General Securities Sales Supervisor, please see FINRA Rule 1220(a), which is viewable in the FINRA Rule Manual through the following link: www.finra.org.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
The candidate must be associated with and sponsored by a FINRA member firm or other applicable self-regulatory organization (SRO) member firm to be eligible to take the Series 9/10 exam. In order to register in this category, candidates must first qualify as a General Securities Representative (Series 7). For more information on eligibility requirements, please see FINRA Rule 1220(a), which is viewable in the FINRA Rule Manual through the following link: www.finra.org or other applicable SRO rules.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
The FINRA member firm or other applicable SRO member firm that sponsors the applicant must file a Uniform Application for Securities Industry Registration or Transfer (Form U4) in the Central Registration Depository (CRD) and request the General Securities Sales Supervisor position on the Form U4.

STRUCTURE OF THE EXAM
The exam consists of 200 multiple-choice items (55 on the Series 9 and 145 on the Series 10), which are distributed among the four major content areas on the Series 9 and the four major content areas on the Series 10, listed in the table below.

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### DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CONTENT OUTLINE AND EXAM

The Series 9/10 content outline was developed based on the results of a job analysis study of General Securities Sales Supervisors. The job analysis process included collecting data about the job functions, tasks and required knowledge of General Securities Sales Supervisors from a wide variety of firms using numerous data collection techniques.

Under the guidance of FINRA staff, a committee of industry representatives (Committee) writes, reviews and validates all exam items to ensure and sustain the job relevance of the exam. Exam items are subject to multiple reviews prior to inclusion on the exam, and each item links directly to a component of the content outline. Items vary in difficulty and complexity. Each item has only one correct or best answer.

The bank of items changes frequently as a result of amendments to, or the introduction of, government and SRO rules and regulations, changes in industry practice, and the introduction of new products. Exam items and their statistical performance are analyzed routinely by FINRA staff and the Committee to ensure relevance to the functions of a General Securities Sales Supervisor. **Candidates are responsible for keeping abreast of changes made to the applicable rules and regulations as the exam is updated when new rules are introduced and when the rules are amended.**

Candidates should read and answer all items as they apply to exchange-listed standardized options unless an item specifically asks about conventional over-the-counter (OTC) options. Also, unless an item is specifically worded to the contrary, all items involving calculations exclude commissions and other transactions cost considerations.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXAM

The exam is administered via computer. A tutorial on how to take the exam via computer is provided prior to the exam. Each candidate’s exam includes 15 additional, unidentified pretest items that do not contribute toward the candidate’s score. The 15 items are randomly distributed throughout the exam with 5 pretest items appearing on the Series 9 and 10 pretest items on the Series 10. Therefore, each candidate’s Series 9 exam consists of a total of 60 items (55 scored and 5 unscored), and each candidate’s Series 10 exam consists of a total of 155 items (145 scored and 10 unscored). There is no penalty for guessing. Therefore, candidates should attempt to answer all items. Candidates will be allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete the Series 9 exam and 4 hours to complete the Series 10 exam.

The Series 9 and Series 10 exams may be taken in any order at any time within the 120-day enrollment period. The test administrator will provide white boards/dry erase markers and basic electronic calculators to candidates, who must return these materials to the test center administrator at the end of the testing session. Some exam items may involve calculations. Only calculators provided by the test center administrators are allowed for use during the exam.
Candidates are not permitted to bring any reference material to their testing session. Severe penalties are imposed on candidates who cheat or attempt to cheat on FINRA-administered exams.

**HOW THE EXAM IS SCORED**

Following a well-established process known as standard setting, FINRA determines the passing score for the examination based on a number of factors including industry trends, historical exam performance and evaluations of the content difficulty by a committee of industry professionals with the designated registration. For the Series 9 exam, the passing score is 70% and for the Series 10 exam, the passing score is 70%. This passing score reflects the competency needed to hold the designated registration.

**EQUATING OF TEST SCORES**

All candidate test scores have been placed on a common scale using a statistical adjustment process known as equating. Equating scores to a common scale accounts for the slight variations in difficulty that may exist among the different sets of exam items that candidates receive. This allows for a fair comparison of scores and ensures that every candidate is held to the same passing standard regardless of which set of exam items he or she received.
PART 1: SERIES 10 CONTENT OUTLINE

FUNCTION 1: **Supervise Associated Persons and Personnel Management Activities**

1.1 Verify the qualifications of newly hired associated persons

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
- Pre-hire investigations
- Form U4
- Form U5
- CRD
- Statutory disqualification
- Fingerprinting
- Appropriate registrations (e.g., State, FINRA)

FINRA Rules
- 3110—Supervision
- 4530—Reporting Requirements

FINRA By-Laws
- Article I—Definitions
  - Paragraph (rr): “Person associated with a member” or “associated person of a member”
- Article III—Qualifications of Members and Associated Persons
  - Section 1—Persons Eligible to Become Members and Associated Persons of Members
  - Section 2—Authority of Board to Adopt Qualification Requirements
  - Section 3—Ineligibility of Certain Persons for Membership or Association
  - Section 4—Definition of Disqualification
- Article V—Registered Representatives and Associated Persons
  - Section 1—Qualification Requirements
  - Section 2—Application for Registration
  - Section 3—Notification by Member to the Corporation and Associated Person of Termination; Amendments to Notification
  - Section 4—Retention of Jurisdiction

MSRB Rules
- G-4—Statutory Disqualifications
- G-5—Disciplinary Actions by Appropriate Regulatory Agencies; Remedial Notices by Registered Securities Associations

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- Section 3(a)(39)—Definition of “Statutory Disqualification”
- Rule 17f-2—Fingerprinting of Securities Industry Personnel
- Rule 19h-1—Notice by a Self-Regulatory Organization of Proposed Admission to or Continuance in Membership or Participation or Association with a Member of Any Person Subject to a Statutory Disqualification, and Applications to the Commission for Relief Therefrom

1.2 Review and maintain associated persons’ registrations and disclosures

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
• Form U4 and U5 updates and disclosures
• Appropriate registration (e.g., state, FINRA, insurance licensing and appointments, investment advisory)
• Outside business activities (e.g., secondary employment, officer/directorships)
• Personal accounts
• Private securities transactions
• Fiduciary appointments
• Political contributions/activities
• Disciplinary/criminal actions
• Noncash compensation (e.g., gifts and gratuities, third-party vendor compensation)

**FINRA Rules**
1210—Registration Requirements
1220—Registration Categories
1230—Associated Persons Exempt from Registration
1240—Continuing Education Requirements
2263—Arbitration Disclosure to Associated Persons Signing or Acknowledging Form U4
2320(g)—Variable Contracts of an Insurance Company: Member Compensation
2341(l)—Investment Company Securities: Member Compensation
3110—Supervision
3210—Accounts at Other Broker- Dealers and Financial Institutions
3220—Influencing or Rewarding Employees of Others
3270—Outside Business Activities of Registered Persons
3280—Private Securities Transactions of an Associated Person
5110(e)—Corporate Financing Rule—Underwriting Terms andArrangements: Valuation of Non-Cash Compensation

**MSRB Rules**
G-2—Standards of Professional Qualification
G-3—Professional Qualification Requirements
  G-3(a)(i): Municipal Securities Representative, Municipal Securities Sales Limited Representative and Limited Representative—Investment Company and Variable Contracts Products: Definitions
  G-3(a)(ii)—Municipal Securities Representative, Municipal Securities Sales Limited Representative and Limited Representative—Investment Company and Variable Contracts Products: Qualification Requirements
  G-3(b)(i)—Municipal Securities Principal; Municipal Fund Securities Limited Principal: Definition
  G-3(b)(iv)(A)—Municipal Securities Principal; Municipal Fund Securities Limited Principal: Municipal Fund Securities Limited Principal: Definition
  G-3(c)(i)—Municipal Securities Sales Principal: Definition
  G-3(c)(ii)—Municipal Securities Sales Principal: Qualification Requirements
  G-3(f)—Professional Qualification Requirements: Confidentiality of Qualification Examinations
  G-3(i)—Professional Qualification Requirements: Continuing Education Requirements
G-5—Disciplinary Actions by Appropriate Regulatory Agencies; Remedial Notices by Registered Securities Associations
G-20—Gifts, Gratuities and Non-Cash Compensation
G-24—Use of Ownership Information Obtained in Fiduciary or Agency Capacity
G-28—Transactions with Employees and Partners of Other Municipal Securities
Professional
G-37—Political Contributions and Prohibitions on Municipal Securities Business

1.3 Supervise associated persons and take corrective actions as appropriate

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Arbitration
- Suspension and expulsion
- Disciplinary action
- Appropriate documentation

FINRA By-Laws
Article XII—Disciplinary Proceedings

FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure
12000 Series—Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes
13000 Series—Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes

FINRA Procedural Rules
8000—Investigations and sanctions
8210—Provision of Information and Testimony and Inspection and Copying of Books
8310—Sanctions for Violation of the Rules
8320—Payment of Fines, Other Monetary Sanctions, or Costs; Summary Action for Failure to Pay

FINRA Rules
2263—Arbitration Disclosure to Associated Persons Signing or Acknowledging Form U4
3110—Supervision
3170—Tape Recording of Registered Persons by Certain Firms

MSRB Rules
G-27(c)(ii)—Supervision: Provisions Concerning Tape Recording of Conversations
G-27(d)—Supervision: Internal Inspections
G-27(f)—Supervision: Supervisory Control System

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Rule 19h-1—Notice by a Self-Regulatory Organization of Proposed Admission to or Continuance in Membership or Participation or Association with a Member of Any Person Subject to a Statutory Disqualification, and Applications to the Commission for Relief Therefrom

1.4 Maintain marketplace and associated product and regulatory knowledge

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- New product training
- Annual compliance meeting
- Firm and regulatory CE requirements
- Product and services training

FINRA Rules
1240—Continuing Education Requirements
2010—Standards of Commercial Honor and Principles of Trade
3110—Supervision

MSRB Rule
G-3(i)—Professional Qualification Requirements: Continuing Education Requirements

1.5 Conduct branch office inspections and manage the delegation of duties

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Appropriate registrations
- Supervision of OSJs, branch offices and unregistered locations
- Supervision of supervisory personnel
- Bank/broker-dealer regulatory requirements
- Relationships with vendors, clearing firms, back office, IT, facilities
- Appropriate signage
- Supervisory coverage (e.g., branch coverage due to resignation)

FINRA Rules
3110—Supervision
3120—Supervisory Control System
3160—Networking Arrangements Between Members and Financial Institutions

MSRB Rule
G-27(d)—Supervision: Internal Inspections

Securities Investor Protection Act and SIPC Rules Thereunder

FUNCTION 2: Supervise the Opening and Maintenance of Customer Accounts

2.1 Review new account documentation to determine if approval meets applicable standards

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Required account information and documentation
- Completeness and best interest / suitability (e.g., risk tolerance, financial situation and needs, time horizon)
- Know your customer (KYC) obligations
- Customer identification program (CIP) requirements
- Anti-money laundering (AML) standards
- Bank secrecy reporting requirements
- Account types and special considerations (e.g., IRA, Trust, Discretionary)
- Account disclosures
- Account documentation and record retention

FINRA Rules
2060—Use of Information Obtained in Fiduciary Capacity
2090—Know Your Customer
2111—Suitability
2130—Approval Procedures for Day-Trading Accounts
2140—Interfering with the Transfer of Customer Accounts in the Context of Employment Disputes
2270—Day-Trading Risk Disclosure Statement
3250—Designation of Accounts
2.2 Review customer account transactions, distributions and account transfers for appropriateness

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Best interest obligations and suitability requirements
- Investment objectives and strategies
- Frequency and size of transaction
- Concentration in particular securities.sectors
- Discretionary transactions (e.g., discretionary accounts, time and place discretion)
- Funds and securities received and delivered (e.g., deposits, physical stock, restricted securities, ACATS, journals, DVP/RVP)
- Disbursements (e.g., third party, OFAC, suspicious activity reports)
- Tax implications of transactions
- Cost basis
Review margin accounts to confirm proper handling and timely adherence to margin requirements

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**

- Regulation T (e.g., SMA, margin calls, extensions, loans)
- Initial/maintenance minimum margin requirements
- Portfolio margining
- Day trading
- Margin eligible securities
- Extension of credit

**FINRA Rules**

- 4210—Margin Requirements
- 11860—COD Orders
- 11740—Marking to the Market

Federal Reserve Board Regulation T- Credit by Brokers and Dealers (“Regulation T”)

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Rule 15c2-1—Hypothecation of customer securities

**2.4** Oversee administrative maintenance of customers’ accounts

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
- Reconfirmation of customer information
- Address change requirements (e.g., foreign countries, POAs, P.O. Boxes address requests)
- Name/designation changes
- Privacy of customer information (e.g., Regulation S-P)
- Control and custody of customer funds and securities
- Statement of financial condition
- Confirmations and statements
- Record retention of documentation

FINRA Rules
- 2231—Customer Account Statements
- 2232—Customer Confirmations
- 2261—Disclosure of Financial Condition
- 3110—Supervision
- 3150—Holding of Customer Mail
- 4510 Series—Books and Records Requirements
- 11550—Assignments and Powers of Substitutions; Delivery of Registered Securities
- 11574—Certificate in Name of Deceased Person, Trustee, etc.

MSRB Rules
- G-8—Books and Records to be Made by Brokers, Dealers, Municipal Securities Dealers, and Municipal Advisors
- G-9—Preservation of Records
- G-15—Confirmation, Clearance, Settlement and Other Uniform Practice Requirements with Respect to Transactions with Customers
- G-32—Disclosures In Connection With Primary Offerings

NYSE Rule
- 409—Statements of Accounts to Customers

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- Rule 15c3-3(h)—Customer Protection—Reserves and Custody of Securities
- Rule 17a-3—Records to be Made by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers and Dealers
- Rule 17a-4—Records to be Preserved by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers and Dealers
- Rule 17a-5—Reports to be Made by Certain Brokers and Dealers
- SEC Regulation S-P—Privacy of Consumer Financial Information and Safeguarding Personal Information

FUNCTION 3: Supervise Sales Practices and General Trading Activities

3.1 Identify and review customer complaints and take appropriate actions

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Acknowledgement/reporting requirements
- Retention requirements

FINRA Rules
- 3110(b)(5) —Supervision: Written Procedures: Review of Customer Complaints
- 4513—Records of Written Customer Complaints
- 4530—Reporting Requirements
3.2 Oversee the correction of trade errors

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Cancel and rebills
- Error accounts
- Inappropriate practices (e.g., parking, unauthorized trades, unapproved discretion)

3.3 Review daily trade activity for completeness of records or exceptions (e.g., orders, routing, and execution)

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Prohibited activities
- Patterns and trends (e.g., unusual price movements, marking the close)
- Short sales/Regulation SHO
- Solicited/unsolicited order violations
- Trading in special accounts (e.g., managed)
- Complex product trades
- Trading categories (e.g., IPOs, block, complex product, restricted securities)
- Excessive commissions and markups
- Conflicts of interest
- Trading halts
- Market access
3260(a)—Discretionary Accounts: Excessive transactions
4330—Customer Protection—Permissible Use of Customers’ Securities
5210—Publication of Transactions and Quotations
5220—Offers at Stated Prices
5230—Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security
5240—Anti-Intimidation/Coordination
5270—Front Running of Block Transactions
5280—Trading Ahead of Research Reports
5310—Best Execution and Interpositioning
5320—Prohibition Against Trading Ahead of Customer Orders
6120—Trading Halts
6121—Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility
6140—Other Trading Practices
6190—Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility
6240—Prohibition from Locking or Crossing Quotations in NMS Stocks
6380A—Transaction Reporting
11810—Buy-in Procedures and Requirements

Insider Trading and Securities Fraud Enforcement Act of 1988
Section 3—Civil Penalties of Controlling Persons for Illegal Insider Trading by Controlled Persons

Investment Advisers Act of 1940
Rule 205—Investment Advisory Contracts

MSRB Rules
  D-9—“Customer”
  G-13—Quotations Relating to Municipal Securities
  G-14—Reports of Sales or Purchases
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  G-19—Suitability of Recommendations and Transactions
  G-25(b)—Improper Use of Assets: Guaranties
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  G-28—Transactions with Employees and Partners of Other Municipal Securities Professionals
  G-30—Prices and Commissions
  G-31—Reciprocal Dealings with Municipal Securities Investment Companies

Securities Act of 1933
Rule 144—Persons Deemed Not to be Engaged in a Distribution and Therefore Not Underwriters
Rule 144A—Private Resale of Securities to Institutions
Rule 145—Reclassification of Securities, Mergers, Consolidations and Acquisitions of Assets
SEC Regulation S—Rules Governing Offers and Sales Made Outside the United States without Registration Under the Securities Act of 1933

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Section 9—Prohibition Against Manipulation of Security Prices
  Section 9(a)(1) (Misleading appearance of active trading)
  Section 9(a)(2) (Inducing purchase or sale by others)
  Section 9(a)(3) (Dissemination of information as to rise or fall of securities prices)
  Section 9(a)(4) (Making false or misleading statements)
  Section 9(a)(5) (Dissemination of information for consideration)
Section 9(a)(6) (Pegging, fixing or stabilizing prices)
Rule 10b-1—Prohibition of Use of Manipulative or Deceptive Devices or Contrivances with Respect to Certain Securities Exempted from Registration
Rule 10b-3—Employment of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices by Brokers or Dealers
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Rule 10b5-1—Trading “On the Basis Of” Material Nonpublic Information in Insider Trading Cases
Rule 10b5-2—Duties of Trust or Confidence in Misappropriation Insider Trading Cases
Rule 10b-10—Confirmation of Transactions
Rule 10b-18—Purchases of Certain Equity Securities by the Issuer and Others
Rule 11d1-1—Exemption of Certain Securities From Section 11(d)(1)
Rule 14e-3—Transactions in Securities on the Basis of Material, Nonpublic Information in the Context of Tender Offers
Rule 14e-4—Prohibited Transactions in Connection with Partial Tender Offers
Section 15(g)—Registration and Regulation of Brokers and Dealers (Written policies and procedures relating to misuse of material, non-public information)
Rule 15c1-2—Fraud and Misrepresentation
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SEC Regulation NMS—Regulation of the National Market System
Rule 600—NMS Security Designation and Definitions
Rule 602—Dissemination of Quotations in NMS Securities
Rule 604—Display of Customer Limit Orders
Rule 605—Disclosure of Order Execution Information
Rule 606—Disclosure of Order Routing Information
Rule 607—Customer Account Statements
Rule 610—Access to Quotations
Rule 611—Order Protection Rule
Rule 612—Minimum Pricing Increments

SEC Regulation SHO—Regulation of Short Sales
3.4 Review trading activity in employees' internal and external accounts

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Restricted securities list
- Borrowing from and lending to customers
- Sharing in accounts
- Prohibited activities (e.g., front running, piggy-backing, pegging the market, pump and dump, IPO purchases)

FINRA Rules
2150—Improper Use of Customers’ Securities or Funds; Prohibition Against Guarantees and Sharing in Accounts
3210—Accounts at Other Broker-Dealers and Financial Institutions
3240—Borrowing From or Lending To Customers
5130—Restrictions on the Purchase and Sale of Initial Equity Public Offerings
5270—Front Running of Block Transactions
3.5 **Supervise sales practices of products**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**
- Variable annuities
- Fixed income products
- Equities (e.g., low price securities, thinly traded securities)
- Alternative investments
- Banking products (e.g., FDIC insurance, disclosures)
- Managed products
- Hedge funds
- Switching of packaged products (e.g., UITs, ETFs, mutual funds, closed-end funds)
- Structured products
- Municipal securities (e.g., 529 college savings plans, general obligation bonds)
- Direct participation programs

**FINRA Rules**
- 2111.05(a)—Suitability: Components of Suitability Obligations
- 2310—Direct Participation Programs
- 2320—Variable Contracts of an Insurance Company
- 2341(b)—Investment Company Securities: Definitions
- 3110—Supervision
- 3120—Supervisory Control System
- 5130—Restrictions on the Purchase and Sale of Initial Equity Public Offerings
- 5131—New Issue Allocations and Distributions

**MSRB Rules**
- G-19—Suitability of Recommendations and Transactions
- G-21—Advertising
- G-32—Disclosure In Connection With Primary Offerings

**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
- Section 3—Definitions and Application of Title
  - Section 3(a)(10)—Definition of Security
  - Section 3(a)(11)—Definition of Equity Security
    - Rule 3a11-1—Definition of the Term “Equity Security”
  - Section 3(a)(12)—Definition of Exempted Security
    - Rule 3b-5—Non-Exempt Securities Issued Under Governmental Obligations
  - Section 15(c)(2)—Registration and Regulation of Brokers and Dealers
    - Rule 15c2-8—Delivery of Prospectus

**Securities Act of 1933**
- Section 3(b)—Exempted Securities: Additional Exemptions
- Section 4(2) Transactions by an Issuer Not Involving Any Public Offerings
Section 4(6) Transactions Involving Offers or Sale by an Issuer Solely to One or More Accredited Investors Up To the Section 3(b) Maximum
Rule 144—Persons Deemed Not to Be Engaged in a Distribution and Therefore Not Underwriters
SEC Regulation A—Conditional Small Issues Exemption
SEC Regulation D—Rules Governing the Limited Offer and Sale of Securities without Registration Under the Securities Act of 1933
Rule 501—Definitions and Terms Used in Regulation D
Rule 502—General Conditions To be Met
Rule 503—Filing of Notice of Sales
Rule 504—Exemption for Limited Offerings and Sales of Securities Not Exceeding $5,000,000
Rule 506—Exemption for Limited Offers and Sales Without Regard to Dollar Amount of Offering

Investment Company Act of 1940
Section 2—Definitions
Section 3—Definition of Investment Company
Section 4—Classification of Investment Companies
Section 5—Sub-Classification of Management Companies
Section 8—Registration of Investment Companies
Section 11—Offers to Exchange Securities
Section 12—Functions and Activities of Investment Companies
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Section 13—Changes in Investment Policy
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  Rule 19a-1—Written Statement to Accompany Dividend Payments by Management Companies
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Trust Indenture Act of 1939
Section 305—Securities Required To Be Registered Under Securities Act
Section 306—Securities Not Registered Under Securities Act
Section 307—Qualification of Indentures Covering Securities Not Required To Be Registered
Section 309—When Qualification Becomes Effective; Effect of Qualification
FUNCTION 4: Supervise Communications with the Public

4.1 Oversee telemarketing practices

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Do-not-call list
- Time of day restrictions

FINRA Rule
3230—Telemarketing

MSRB Rule
G-39—Telemarketing

4.2 Review retail communications and determine appropriate approval

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of retail communication
- Types of retail communication (e.g., social media)
- Content standards (e.g., fair and balanced; identify red flags (guarantees, misleading statements, performance); professional certifications and designations)
- Required approvals and filings (e.g., principal, SRO)
- Product specific requirements for communications with the public
- Appropriate disclosures
- Requirements for public appearances (e.g., seminar activities, appearances on public forums)

FINRA Rules
2210—Communications with the Public
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MSRB Rules
G-21(a)—Advertising: General Provisions
G-21(b)—Advertising: Professional Advertisements
G-21(c)—Advertising: Product Advertisements
G-21(e)—Advertising: Municipal Fund Security
G-27(e)—Supervision: Review of Correspondence

NYSE Rule
472—Communications with the Public

Securities Act of 1933
Rule 135a—Generic Advertising

Securities Investor Protection Act and SIPC Rules Thereunder

4.3 Review incoming and outgoing correspondence including approval where required
KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of correspondence
- Content standards
- Appropriate disclosures, disclaimers, accuracy
- Electronic communications to customers and prospects

FINRA Rules
2210—Communications with the Public
2250—Proxy Materials
2260—Disclosures

MSRB Rules
G-21(a)—Advertising: General Provisions
G-21(b)—Advertising: Professional Advertisements
G-21(c)—Advertising: Product Advertisements
G-21(e)—Advertising: Municipal Fund Security
G-27(e)—Supervision: Review of Correspondence

NYSE Rule
472—Communications With The Public

Securities Act of 1933
135a—Generic Advertising

4.4 Review institutional communication and determine appropriate approval

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of institutional communication
- Types of institutional communication (e.g., electronic)
- Content standards
- Appropriate disclosures

FINRA Rules
2210—Communications with the Public
2250—Proxy Materials
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NYSE Rule
472—Communications With The Public

Securities Act of 1933
Rule 135a—Generic Advertising
PART 2: SERIES 9 CONTENT OUTLINE

FUNCTION 1—Supervise the Opening and Maintenance of Customer Options Accounts

1.1 Review new account documentation to determine if approval is appropriate

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Different classifications of customers (e.g., institutional, retail)
- Account types and special considerations (e.g., IRA, Trust, Discretionary/Fiduciary)
- Anti-money laundering (AML) standards
- Customer identification program (CIP) requirements
- Due Diligence and Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements
- Options disclosure document delivery
- Special statement for uncovered writers and approval requirements
- Minimum net equity requirement for approval of uncovered options accounts
- Customer verification
- Discretionary account acceptance review by the designated registered options principal
- Exception approval by the designated registered options principals
- Record retention of account documentation

Cboe Rules
- 8.12 —Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program
- 9.1—Opening of Accounts
- 9.2(a)—Supervision of Accounts: Duty to Supervise
- 9.4(a)— Discretionary Accounts: Authorization and Approval Required
- 9.4— Discretionary Accounts
- 9.8—Addressing of Communications to Customers
- 9.9—Delivery of Current Options Disclosure Documents
- 10.3—Margin Requirements
- 10.4(b)—Portfolio Margin—Eligible Participants
- 10.7—Guaranteed Accounts
- Chapter 7 —Records, Reports and Audits (Rules 15.1 -15.12)

FINRA Rules
- 2090—Know Your Customer
- 2111—Suitability
- 2360(b)(7)—Options: Requirements: Limit on Uncovered Short Positions
- 2360(b)(11)— Options: Requirements: Delivery of Current Disclosure Document
- 2360(b)(16)— Options: Requirements: Opening of Accounts
- 2360(b)(18)— Options: Requirements: Discretionary Accounts
- 2360(b)(20)— Options: Requirements: Supervision of Accounts
- 3310—Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program
- 4210—Margin Requirements
- 4510 Series—Books and Records Requirements

NYSE Rule
- 408—Discretionary Power in Customers’ Accounts
Review recommended customer options trading activities to determine if strategies meet applicable standards

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Sales activities of registered persons
- Best interest obligations and suitability requirements
- Investment strategies

Cboe Rules
- 9.2 — Supervision of Accounts
- 9.3 — Suitability of Recommendations

FINRA Rules
- 2111 — Suitability
- 2360 — Options

Review margin accounts to confirm proper handling and timely adherence to margin requirements

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Margin implications associated with various strategies
- Margin eligible securities
- Initial/maintenance minimum margin requirements
- Special margin requirements for pattern day traders

Cboe Rules
- 7.8 — Risk Analysis of Portfolio Margin Accounts
- 10.3 — Margin Requirements
- 10.4 — Portfolio Margin
- 10.9 — Margin Required Is Minimum

FINRA Rule
- 4210 — Margin Requirements
FUNCTION 2—Supervise Sales Practices and General Options Trading Activities

2.1 Identify and review customer complaints and take appropriate actions

   KNOWLEDGE OF:
   - Acknowledgement/reporting requirements
   - Record retention and segregation requirements
   - Regulatory reporting of customer complaints

   Cboe Rule
   9.17—Customer Complaints

   FINRA Rules
   2360(b)(17)—Options: Requirements: Maintenance of records
   3110—Supervision
   4513—Records of Written Customer Complaints
   4530—Reporting Requirements

2.2 Oversee the correction of options trade errors

   KNOWLEDGE OF:
   - Cancel and rebills
   - Error accounts

   Cboe Rules
   5.11—Price Binding Despite Erroneous Report
   6.5—Nullification and Adjustment of Options Transactions including Obvious Errors
   9.13—Assuming Losses

   FINRA Rule
   11890—Clearly Erroneous Transactions

2.3 Review daily trade activity for completeness of records or exceptions (e.g., orders, routing, and execution)

   KNOWLEDGE OF:
   - Large option position reporting
   - Position and exercise limits
   - Order origin codes
   - Prohibited activities
   - Discretionary trading
   - Best execution
   - Order marking
   - Trades serving no economic purpose
Insider Trading and Securities Fraud Enforcement Act of 1988
Section 3—Civil Penalties of Controlling Persons for Illegal Insider Trading by Controlled Persons

Cboe Rules
5.7—Entry of Orders and Quotes
6.1—Report Transactions to the Exchange
6.20(e)—Exercise of American-Style Index Options
8.1—Just and Equitable Principle of Trade
8.6—Manipulation
8.10—Prevention of the Misuse of Material, Non-public Information
8.30—Position Limits
8.31—Position Limits for Broad-Based Index Options
8.32—Position Limits for Industry Index Options
8.42—Exercise Limits
8.42—Exercise Limits
9.11—Transactions of certain customers
9.12—Prohibition Against Guarantees and Sharing in Accounts
9.13—Assuming Losses
9.19—Borrowing From or Lending to Customers

FINRA Rules
2020—Use of Manipulative, Deceptive or Other Fraudulent Devices
2360(b)(3)—Options: Requirements: Position Limits
2360(b)(4)—Options: Requirements: Exercise Limits
3110—Supervision
3120—Supervisory Control System
5310—Best Execution and Interpositioning

Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Section 9—Prohibition Against Manipulation of Security Prices
Section 9(a)(1)—Misleading Appearance of Active Trading
Section 9(a)(2)—Inducing Purchase or Sale by Others
Section 9(a)(3)—Dissemination of Information as to Rise or Fall of Securities Prices
Section 9(a)(4)—Making False or Misleading Statements
Section 9(a)(5)—Dissemination of Information for Consideration
Section 9(a)(6)—Pegging, Fixing or Stabilizing Prices
Section 9(e)—Liability for Unlawful Acts or Transactions
Section 10(b)—Regulation of the Use of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices
Rule 10b-3—Employment of Manipulative and Deceptive Devices by Brokers or Dealers
Rule 10b-5—Employment of Manipulative or Deceptive Devices
Rule 10b5-1—Trading on the Basis of Material Non-Public Information in Insider Trading Cases
Rule 10b5-2—Duties of Trust or Confidence in Misappropriation Insider Trading Cases
Rule 10b-18—Purchases of Certain Equity Securities by the Issuer and Others
Section 15(g)—Registration and Regulation of Brokers and Dealers—Written Policies and Procedures Relating to Misuse of Material, Non-Public Information

2.4 Monitor the general operational process of options trades

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Electronic order routing/execution
- Aggregation of accounts for reporting position limits, exercise limits, and large positions
- Exercise notices (e.g., contrary exercise advice)
- Impact of options assignments
- Corporate actions
- Options Clearing Corporation (OCC) assignment procedure and firm/market-maker/customer assignment
- Assignment allocation methods (e.g., first-in-first-out (FIFO), random)
- Customer notification of allocation method
- Delivery and payment/settlement

Cboe Rules
4.6—Adjustments
6.1—Report Transactions to the Exchange
6.20—Exercise of Option Contracts
6.21—Allocation of Exercise Notices
6.22—Delivery and Payment
8.30 Position Limits
8.42 Exercise Limits
8.43—Reports Related to Position Limits
8.46—Other Restrictions on Options Transactions and Exercises

FINRA Rules
2360(b)(3)—Options: Requirements: Position Limits
2360(b)(4)—Options: Requirements: Exercise Limits
2360(b)(5)—Options: Requirements: Reporting of Options Positions
2360(b)(8)—Options: Requirements: Restrictions on Option Transactions and Exercises
2360(b)(23)—Options: Requirements: Tendering Procedures for Exercise of Options
11860—COD Orders

FUNCTION 3—Supervise Options Communications

3.1 Review options retail communications and determine appropriate approval

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of retail communication
- Types of retail communication (e.g., social media)
- Content standards (e.g., fair and balanced; identify red flags (guarantees, misleading statements, performance); professional certifications and designations)
- Requirements for trading programs and option worksheets
- Appropriate disclosures
- Requirements for public appearances (e.g., seminar activities, appearances on public forums)

Cboe Rule
9.15—Options Communications

FINRA Rules
3.2 Review incoming and outgoing options correspondence including approval where required

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of correspondence
- Content standards
- Appropriate disclosures

Cboe Rule
9.15—Options Communications

FINRA Rules
2210—Communications with the Public
2220—Options Communications
2241—Research Analysts and Research Reports
2260—Disclosures

Securities Act of 1933
Rule 135a—Generic Advertising

3.3 Review options institutional communication and determine appropriate approval

KNOWLEDGE OF:
- Definition of institutional communication
- Types of institutional communication (e.g., electronic)
- Content standards
- Appropriate disclosures

Cboe Rule
9.15—Options Communications

FINRA Rules
2210—Communications with the Public
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2260—Disclosures

Securities Act of 1933
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FUNCTION 4—Supervise Associated Persons and Personnel Management Activities

4.1 Maintain marketplace and associated product and regulatory knowledge

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Terms and definitions of sophisticated options products and strategies
- Trading rotation and fast markets
- Trading practices and roles of market participants
- Trading Halts
- Different order types and trading strategies
- Calculations of profit, loss, breakeven points, and economics of positions
- Tax implications of options transactions

Cboe Rules

3.35—DPM Obligations
3.5—Market Maker Defined
3.50 (a)—Floor Broker Defined
3.53 (a) —DPM Defined
4.58—Priority of Bids and Offers—Allocation of Trades
5.1—Transaction Off the Exchange
5.20—Trading Halts
5.33 —Complex Orders
5.91 —Responsibilities of Floor Brokers
8.2—Restriction on Acting as Market Maker and Floor Broker

FINRA Rules

5260—Prohibition on Transactions, Publication of Quotations, or Publication of Indications of Interest During Trading Halts
2360(b)(24)— Options: Requirements: Options Transactions and Reports by Market Makers in Listed Securities
6120—Trading Halts
SAMPLE ITEMS
The following sample items are included to provide an introduction to the basic formats of multiple-choice items used on the exam. The sample items do not reflect the difficulty level of actual exam items. Candidates who familiarize themselves with these formats may be able to improve their test-taking skills so that their performance on the exam will better reflect their knowledge of the areas tested.

Closed-Stem: The stem (the part that poses the question) is a complete sentence, and thus concludes with a question mark. The options (answer choices) may be complete or incomplete sentences.

Example: Which of the following items is considered retail communication?

(A) Electronic communication distributed to institutional investors on a daily basis
(B) Social media communication with institutional investors on a daily basis
(C) Written communication distributed to 10 retail investors within a 30-day period
(D) Written communication distributed to more than 25 retail investors within a 30-day period*

Open-Stem (Sentence Completion): The stem is an incomplete statement, and the options represent conclusions to the sentence.

Example: A qualified person must inspect an office of supervisory jurisdiction (OSJ) at least:

(A) quarterly.
(B) annually.*
(C) every two years.
(D) every three years.

Except or Not: The "except" case is used when the task is to select the response option that is an exception to the principle or rule stated in the stem. If it is clearly more straightforward or less awkward to use "not," rather than "except," this is done. In either case, the stem may be open or closed.

Example: Listed equity options would not be adjusted for which of the following actions in the underlying security?

(A) A 2-for-1 stock split
(B) A 1-for-5 reverse stock split
(C) A stock dividend of 5%
(D) A cash dividend of $0.50*
REFERENCES

Listed below are government and SRO websites that provide information about rules and regulations and other information candidates may find useful in preparing for the exam. In addition to information about rules, the SRO may publish glossaries of terms, explanations of securities products, and compliance procedures. Candidates are encouraged to refer to the SRO websites for information memos or regulatory notices concerning amendments to rules and the announcement of new rules that may relate to the exam. Candidates can purchase copies of federal securities laws and SEC rules and regulations through the network of federal government printing offices. However, some of this information may be available on the SRO and pertinent federal government (e.g., the SEC) websites. It is recommended that candidates refer to the content outline as part of their preparation to take the exam. Candidates are responsible for planning their course of study in preparation for the exam. FINRA produces only the content outline and is not involved with, nor does it endorse, any particular course of study.

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Municipal Securities Rulemaking  
Board Rule Book  
www.msrb.org

Options Clearing Corporation  
www.theocc.com

The Options Industry Council  
www.888options.com

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Office of Investor Education and Advocacy  
www.sec.gov

Securities Industry/Regulatory Council on Continuing Education  
www.cecouncil.com