

Broker-dealers

- ✓ **Definition:** person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others or for its own account
- ✓ **Registration form:** Form BD
- ✓ **Exclusions from registration:**
 - Agents, issuers, and banks
 - Canadian (limited registration)
 - Vacation rule
 - Institution rule

Investment advisers

- ✓ **Definition:** person offering securities **Advice** as a regular **Business** for **Compensation**
- ✓ **Registration form:** Form ADV (Parts 1, 2A, 2B)
- ✓ **Reg. withdrawal form:** Form ADV-W
- ✓ **Exemptions from registration:**
 - Vacation rule
 - Institution rule
 - De minimis rule
 - Private fund advisers
- ✓ **Exclusions from registration:**
 - Investment adviser representatives (IARs)
 - LATE professions (incidental)
 - BDs and agents (no advisory fees)
 - Media programs if general advice
 - Fed covered advisers (excluded from state)
 - Banks and savings institutions

Agents

- ✓ **Definition:** individual representing a broker-dealer or issuer in effecting securities transactions
- ✓ **Registration form:** Form U4 (agent & BD file)
- ✓ **Reg. withdrawal form:** Form U5 (agent & BD file)
- ✓ **Exclusions from registration:**
 - Vacation rule
 - Institution rule
 - Representing an issuer while offering exempt securities or performing exempt transactions
 - Clerical role

Investment adviser representatives (IARs)

- ✓ **Definition:** any partner, officer, director of, or securities advice-providing employee of an IA
- ✓ **Registration form:** Form U4
 - If representing state IA = filed by IA
 - If representing fed covered IA = filed by IAR
- ✓ **Reg. withdrawal form:** Form U5
 - If representing state IA = filed by IA
 - If representing fed covered IA = filed by IAR
- ✓ **Exclusions from registration:**
 - Vacation rule
 - Institution rule
 - De minimis rule

State administrator

- ✓ **Responsibilities:**
 - Registration & regulation of persons
 - Registration & regulation of securities
 - Enforcement of general securities law
 - Enforcement of anti-fraud provisions
- ✓ **Jurisdiction exists if:**
 - Client or professional is in the state during a securities offer or transaction
- ✓ **Punitive action:**
 - May deny, suspend, or revoke registration
 - Must be in the public interest and rest on a statutory ground (e.g., a violation)
- ✓ **Record retention enforcement:**
 - Investment advisers = 5 years
 - Broker-dealers = 3 years
 - Records from past 2 years must be readily available

Rules (no office in state)

- ✓ **Vacation rule**
 - No registration if engaging current clients visiting a state
- ✓ **Institution rule**
 - No registration if only engaging institutions
- ✓ **De minimis rule**
 - No registration if 5 or fewer retail clients in a state

Person

- ✓ Any natural person (individual) or organization able to enter into binding contracts
- ✓ **Non-persons:** minors, incapacitated, deceased

Investors

- ✓ **Institutional:** organization investing a pool of capital (money) on behalf of others
- ✓ **Retail:** individual investing for their own goals or on behalf of family