

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

# BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION TO SEBI FOR REGISTRATION



#### Are you looking to apply to SEBI for an Investment Adviser license?

Here is a list of the basic checks you need to do before you make the application.

#### #1 - Who can apply for Investment Adviser's license?

- Individual
- Non-Individual i.e. Partnership Firm, Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), Company

**#2 – Qualification requirements-** The Individual Investment Adviser / the Principal Officer in case of a non-individual entity needs to fulfil the qualification, experience and certification requirements as follows:

Professional qualification or post-graduate degree or post graduate diploma
 (minimum two years in duration) in finance, accountancy, business management,
 commerce, economics, capital market, banking, insurance or actuarial science
 from a from a university or an institution recognized by the Central Government
 or any State Government or a foreign university OR CFA Charter from the CFA
 Institute OR completed Post Graduate Program in Securities Market offered by
 NISM

#### And

• An experience of at least five years in activities relating to advice in financial products or securities or fund or asset or portfolio management.

(Note: Personal experience in investing in stock markets is not considered by SEBI)

And

• NISM Certification of Investment Advisers- <u>Series XA (Level 1)</u> and <u>XB (Level 2)</u>

**#3 – Qualification requirements of persons associated with investment advice (PAA) –**PAA need to fulfil the qualification, experience and certification requirements as follows:



Professional qualification or post-graduate degree or post graduate diploma
 (minimum two years in duration) in finance, accountancy, business management,
 commerce, economics, capital market, banking, insurance or actuarial science
 from a from a university or an institution recognized by the Central Government
 or any State Government or a foreign university OR CFA Charter from the CFA
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And

 an experience of at least two years in activities relating to advice in financial products or securities or fund or asset or portfolio management.

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**#4 - Net worth:** The individuals should have a net worth (net tangible assets) of at least Rs 5 lakhs.

The non-individual entity should have a net worth of at least Rs 50 lakhs.

Note that the net worth should be over and above the net worth required for any other SEBI license.

**#5** - Clause for business activity: You need to ensure that you have a clause in the Memorandum of Association of your company or the partnership agreement of the partnership firm / LLP specifying that the entity intends to do business as an Investment Adviser.

#6 - Fees:

All applicants have to pay fee to SEBI as well as to BSE Ltd.

SEBI fees is as follows:



(In INR)

|                   | Application Fee | Registration Fee | Renewal Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Individuals       | 2,000           | 3,000            | 1,000       |
| Partnership Firms | 2,000           | 3,000            | 1,000       |
| Companies / LLPs  | 20,000          | 30,000           | 5,000       |

BSE Fees is as follows:

(In INR)

|                   | Administration Fee | Renewal Fee |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Individuals       | 10,000             | 9,000       |
| Partnership Firms | 10,000             | 9,000       |
| Companies / LLPs  | 5,00,000           | 4,95,000    |

Still have queries and want to understand how regulations are applicable in your specific context?

### **Book a phone consultation now!**