

III. NOMINATION FACILITY

1. Is nomination facility available for Demat Accounts?

The nomination facility is available for all individual demat accounts. It is advisable for all individual BOs to avail of this facility. SEBI has mandated that if an individual BO decides not to nominate, then the account holder(s) should give a written and signed declaration to that effect.

2. Who can appoint a Nominee?

All individuals including NRIs and Foreign Nationals having/opening demat accounts, either singly or jointly can appoint a nominee. If the account is held jointly, all the joint holders are required to sign the nomination form.

3. Who can be appointed as a nominee?

Only an individual can be appointed as a nominee. Non-individual entities such as trust, corporate, HUF, AOPs etc cannot be appointed as a nominee.

4. How many nominees can be appointed as nominee for a demat account?

Maximum three individuals can be appointed as a nominee for a demat account.

5. Can the nomination given once be changed / deleted?

Yes. Nomination once given can be changed / deleted as and when required by submitting the prescribed form duly signed by all account holders to the Depository Participant (DP).

6. What is the procedure to appoint a nominee?

The Account holder(s) is (are) required to fill a standard nomination form available with the DP. The nomination form has to be signed by one witnesses. If the account is a joint account, the nomination form should be signed by all account holders. A witness cannot be appointed as nominee.

7. Can a minor be appointed as a nominee?

Yes. A minor represented by a guardian can be appointed as a nominee.

8. Can nomination be given for a Joint account?

Yes. Nomination can be given for a joint demat account also. Maximum three individuals can be appointed for all the account holders of the demat account. Each of the joint holders can not appoint separate nominee.

9. Who cannot nominate?

Non-individuals such as societies, trusts, body corporate, Karta of Hindu Undivided Family etc. and holders of power of attorney cannot make a nomination.

10. Can a NRI be appointed as nominee?

Yes. A NRI can be appointed as a nominee.

11. Is nomination is mandatory for a demat account?

Yes, as per SEBI guidelines effective October 1 2023, it is mandatory to either :

- (i) Add a nominee, or
- (ii) Explicitly declare that no nominee is being added.

Failure to comply may result in restrictions on the demat account.

12. Can the nomination be changed?

Yes, nominee can be modify or deleted by submitting a modification form along with the fresh Nomination Form to your DP.

13. What happens if the demat account is dormant and the account holder passes away?

Even if the demat account is dormant, the nominee can claim the securities by completing the transmission process.