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Circular

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0130 August 31, 2026

Subject: Additional guidelines for implementation of SEBI Circular on Ease of doing investments - Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios.

Attention of Participants is invited to NSDL Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2026/0124 dated August 24, 2026, on *Operational Guidelines for Implementation of SEBI Circular on Ease of Doing Investments - Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios*.

In continuation of the above circular and pursuant to the provisions of the **SEBI Circular dated May 29, 2026** on nomination norms for demat accounts, Participants are advised as follows:

1. For single holder demat accounts, nomination shall be the default requirement. However, Clients who do not wish to appoint a nominee may opt out of nomination by submitting the prescribed opt-out declaration.

2. In the case of jointly held demat accounts, nomination shall be optional. Any registration, modification, or cancellation of nomination shall require the consent of all joint holders, irrespective of the mode of operation of the account.

3. Clients may appoint up to three nominees in a demat account. In the event of the demise of the account holder, transmit holdings to another demat account having same holding pattern of nominee(s) or open separate accounts to hold their respective share of the securities.

4. Clients shall have an option to submit the nomination either online or offline.

   (i) In the online mode, nomination requests may be authenticated using a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), Aadhaar-based e-sign or any other electronic signature mechanism recognised under the Information Technology Act, 2000, or through Two-Factor Authentication (2FA), including OTP verification on the registered mobile number and email address.

   (ii) In the offline mode, clients may submit physical nomination forms bearing their wet signature. The wet signatures of Witness shall not be required for nomination-related requests. However, if the account holder affixes his/ her thumb impression (instead of wet signature), then the same shall be witnessed by two persons and details of such witness (name and address) shall be duly captured in the nomination form.

5. Participants shall provide account holders with an option to display either the name of the nominee(s) or only the nomination status (Yes/No) in the holding statement, as per the client's choice.

6. For accounts where nomination has not been registered, including accounts where the client has opted out of nomination, Participants shall send bi-annual messages by way of email and SMS nudging and guiding them to provide nomination.

7. Participants shall display a pop-up message on the benefits of nomination, on web / mobile application/ platform on the client's first login of the day into the account.

8. The reminders and pop-up messages shall be sent/displayed only to clients who have not registered a nomination and shall not be sent/displayed to clients who have already registered a nominee.

9. Participants may note that the revised nomination norms and nomination/opt-out of nomination forms prescribed under the SEBI Circular dated May 29, 2026 shall come into effect from **September 1, 2026**, and necessary system, operational, and communication arrangements shall be put in place to ensure seamless implementation thereof.

For and on behalf of
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Particulars	**Deadline**	**Manner of sending**	**Reference**
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10th of the following month	Through e-PASS	Para 22 of 'Grievance Redressal' chapter and Para 27 of 'Internal Controls/Reporting to NSDL/SEBI' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants
Compliance report w.r.t Same Mobile number and/ or email address captured for multiple accounts. (monthly)	Before 27th of following month	Through Email.	Para 26 of 'Miscellaneous' chapter of NSDL Master Circular for Participants.