Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited

GUIDELINES FOR OPENING A CDS INVESTOR ACCOUNT

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Opening a CDS Investor Account

Company/Issuer will inform to its shareholder to open CDS account as soon as the documents for induction in CDS is submitted with CDC by the Company/Issuer.

Shareholders who do not already maintain a CDS account should open a CDS Account.

A. For Individuals (Resident Pakistanis, Non-Resident Pakistanis and Foreign Nationals)

Individuals can open a CDC Investor Account digitally through the CDC Access Portal without visiting a CDC office or submitting physical documents. The entire process is completed online, and identity verification is conducted through a video call.

Alternatively, they may open an online sub-account with Stock Broker though AsaanConnect at: https://www.asaanconnect.com/cdc/cgp/r/centralized-gateway-portal/login?intermediary=

B. How to Open a CDS IAS Account

1. Register on the CDC Access Portal through https://cdcaccess.com/#/login .
2. Complete the online account opening application & Upload the CNIC/NICOP/Passport
3. Submit the application online and complete the video verification when contacted by CDC.

Once the account is opened, the account details will be shared with the applicant via email.

C. Important Requirements

1. Resident and Non-Resident Pakistanis: A valid local bank account with IBAN is mandatory.
2. Foreign Nationals: A copy of the passport duly attested* by a Notary Public, Pakistan Consulate, or through an Apostille Certificate is required.

Where applicable, the attestation requirement may be waived based on an confirmation by the Company Secretary of the share issuing company that the passport details of the foreign share holder correct.