

# Type 13 Regulated Activity ("RA 13") – Regulatory Regime for Depositaries of SFC-authorized Collective Investment Schemes

12 June 2023



#### **Agenda**

- 1. Overview of RA 13
- 2. Licence / registration applications for firms and individuals
- 3. Ongoing reporting obligations
- 4. Q&As

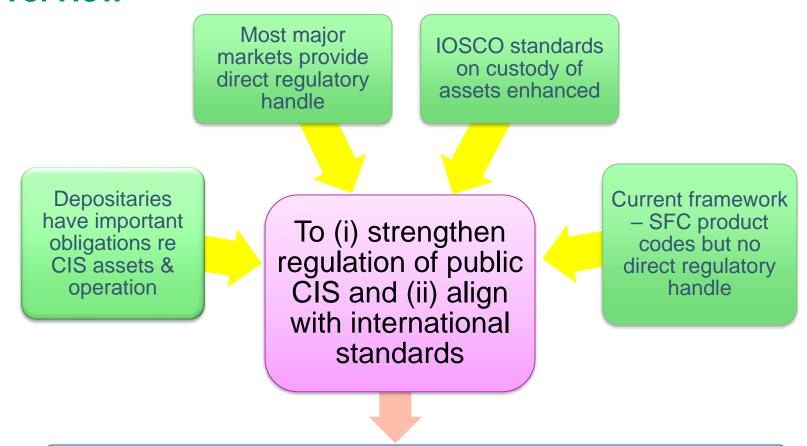


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#### **Overview of RA 13**



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New regulated activity (RA 13) for depositaries of SFC-authorized CISs





### Providing depositary services for relevant CISs

with two key functions embedded in the definition

Custody and safekeeping of relevant CIS property

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Oversight of CIS to ensure that it is operated in accordance with its **scheme documents** 

Defined in Schedule 5 to SFO

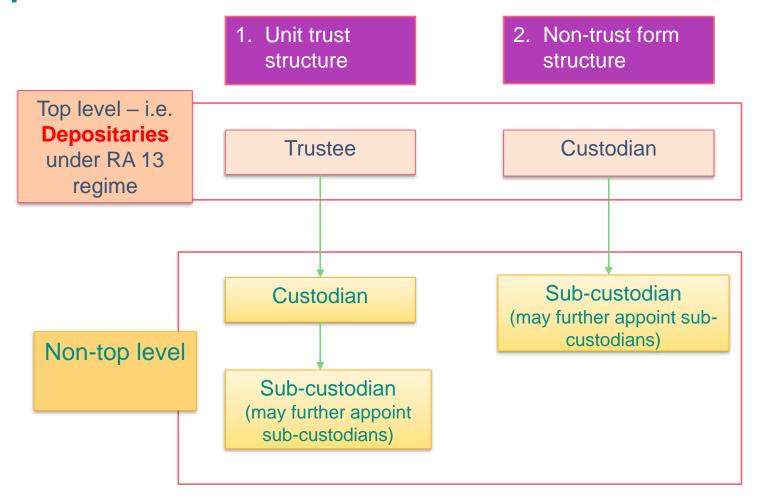


#### **Definition of RA 13**

- Type 13 providing depositary services for relevant CISs
- Providing depositary services for relevant CISs means providing both of the following services for 1 or more relevant CISs by a depositary (other than a delegate or subdelegate of the depositary, irrespective of whether the delegate of subdelegate is appointed by the depositary) –
  - (a) custody and safekeeping of relevant CIS property;
  - (b) oversight of the relevant CIS to ensure that it is operated in accordance with its scheme documents



#### **Scope – Entities**



"Depositary" defined in Schedule 5 to SFO



#### **Definition of Depositary**

- Depositary, in relation to a relevant CIS, means
  - (a) if the relevant CIS is constituted in the form of a trust –
    the person who is appointed as a <u>trustee</u> under the trust
    deed constituting or governing the relevant CIS; or
  - (b) if the relevant CIS is constituted in any other form -
    - (i) the person who is appointed as the <u>custodian</u> (by whatever name called) of the relevant CIS under a written agreement entered into by the person with the relevant CIS; or
    - (ii) the person who, under an arrangement made with the relevant CIS, is in fact the custodian of the relevant CIS





Relevant CISs (defined in Schedule 5 to SFO)

Includes
 all SFC authorized
 CISs
 Except
 MPF
 products
 Unit trusts (including retail APIFs)

 Public OFCs
 REITs
 Pooled retirement funds

 MPF schemes

 Constituent funds
 Non-retail APIFs

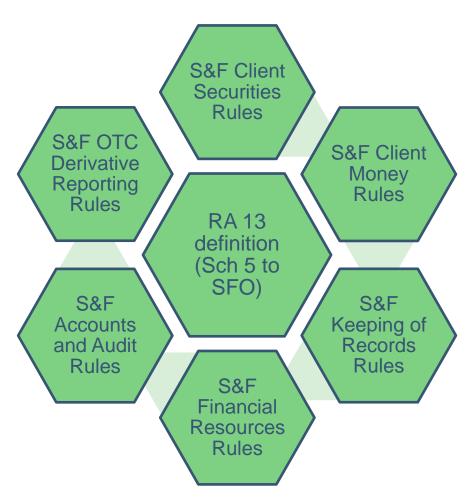


#### **Definition of Relevant CIS**

- Relevant CIS means a collective investment scheme authorized under section 104 of the SFO other than any of the following –
  - (a) a registered MPF scheme or a constituent fund of the registered MPF scheme;
  - (b) an APIF offered only to all or any of the following
    - (i) professional investors;
    - (ii) employers (as defined under MPFSO);
    - (iii) pooling agreements (as defined under ORSO)



#### **Key relevant legislation**



- ❖ S&F Contract Notes Rules disapplied for RA 13 depositaries
- ❖ S&F Insurance Rules RA 13 depositaries are not required to take out insurance pursuant to these rules

#### **Key relevant legislation (cont'd)**



Subleg	Key RA 13 requirements	
S&F Client Securities Rules (Cap. 571H)	The Client Securities Rules set out requirements on how intermediaries should handle client securities. RA 13-specific requirements, including the proper handling of <b>scheme securities</b> received or held in Hong Kong by depositaries or their associated entities ("AEs") in the conduct of RA 13, are introduced.	
S&F Client Money Rules (Cap. 571I)	The Client Money Rules set out requirements on how licensed corporations ("LCs") should handle client money. RA 13-specific requirements, including the proper handling of <b>scheme money</b> received or held in Hong Kong in the conduct of RA 13 by LCs or their AEs through segregated accounts established and maintained with banks, are introduced.	
S&F Keeping of Records Rules (Cap. 5710)	The Keeping of Records Rules specify the records that intermediaries and their AEs must keep and the manner in which they are kept. Requirements for RA 13 depositaries and their AEs, including keeping of records relating to the financial position and operation of depositaries and the property that belongs to relevant CISs, are introduced.	



#### **Key relevant legislation (cont'd)**

Subleg	Key RA 13 requirements	
S&F Financial Resources Rules (Cap. 571N)	The Financial Resources Rules set out the ongoing obligations of LCs to ensure that they maintain adequate financial resources. RA 13-specific requirements are introduced, these include stipulating specific minimum amount of paid-up share capital (HK\$ 10,000,000) and required liquid capital (HK\$3,000,000), revising relevant liquid capital computation and reporting requirements, requiring submission of monthly financial returns and analysis of relevant CIS property.	
S&F Accounts and Audit Rules (Cap. 571P)	The Accounts and Audit Rules set out the financial statements and other documents that LCs and their AEs need to prepare and the auditor's reporting responsibilities. RA 13-specific requirements on financial returns are introduced.	



#### **Key relevant legislation (cont'd)**

Subleg	Key RA 13 requirements
S&F OTC Derivative Reporting Rules (Cap. 571AL)	The OTC Derivative Reporting Rules set out the mandatory reporting and record-keeping requirements which are triggered if an LC or registered institution is a counterparty to a specified OTC derivative transaction or has conducted the transaction in Hong Kong. In line with the existing arrangement, an RA 13 depositary is exempted from the reporting obligations where it is a counterparty to an OTC derivative transaction in its capacity as a trustee of an SFC-authorized CIS. It should be noted that the depositary is still subject to relevant record keeping obligations under the OTC Derivative Reporting Rules.





Term	Defined in	High-level meaning
Relevant CIS property	• Sch 5 to SFO	<ul> <li>The property held on or subject to trust under the trust deed (for relevant CIS in trust form); or</li> <li>The property of the relevant CIS (for relevant CIS in any other form)</li> </ul>
Scheme documents	• Sch 5 to SFO	<ul> <li>For relevant CIS is in trust form – the trust deed; or</li> <li>For relevant CIS is in any other form – the documents governing the formation or constitution of the relevant CIS; and</li> <li>Other documents setting out requirements relating to the two regulated functions</li> </ul>

#### Key defined terms relevant to RA 13 (cont'd)



Term	Defined in	High-level meaning
Scheme securities	Client     Securities     Rules	<ul> <li>Client securities that are –</li> <li>either (i) listed or traded on Hong Kong Stock Exchange; or (ii) interests in SFC-authorized CIS; and</li> <li>received or held in HK by the intermediary in the course of conduct of RA 13; or received or held in HK by any corporation in a controlling entity relationship with the intermediary, in relation to such conduct of RA 13;</li> <li>constituting relevant CIS property in respect of a relevant CIS</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Keeping of Records Rules</li> <li>Accounts and Audit Rules</li> </ul>	Includes scheme securities received or held in HK or overseas constituting relevant CIS property

#### Key defined terms relevant to RA 13 (cont'd)



Term	Defined in	High-level meaning
Scheme money	Client Money Rules	<ul> <li>In relation to a LC, client money –</li> <li>received or held in HK by the LC in the course of conduct of RA 13; or received or held in HK by any corporation in a controlling entity relationship with the LC, in relation to such conduct of RA 13;</li> <li>constituting relevant CIS property in respect of a relevant CIS, and includes any accretions to it whether as capital or income</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Keeping of Records Rules</li> <li>Financial Resources Rules</li> <li>Accounts and Audit Rules</li> </ul>	Includes scheme money received or held in HK or overseas constituting relevant CIS property, and includes any accretions to it whether as capital or income
Scheme assets	<ul><li>Keeping of Record Rules</li><li>Accounts and Audit Rules</li></ul>	Scheme money and scheme securities (received on held in HK or overseas)





#### Codes

Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the SFC

New Schedule 11 – additional requirements specific to RA 13 depositaries

### Relevant product code (To be updated):

- SFC Products Handbook
- UT Code
- OFC Code
- REIT Code
- PRF Code

#### Guidelines

**Internal Control Guidelines** 

Fit and Proper Guidelines
Guidelines on Competence
(To be updated)

Guidelines on Continuous Professional Training

Guidelines on Anti-money laundering and

**Counter Terrorist Financing** 

#### **Appendix G internal control reports**



- Appendix G report requirement (under current UT Code) to be removed upon RA 13 coming into effect
- For the period from the end of a depositary's 2023 financial year end (typically 1 Jan or 1 April 2024) to 2 Oct 2024 (i.e. the effective date of RA 13)
  - Depositaries may provide a senior management confirmation and undertaking in lieu of the Appendix G report along the following lines:
  - Senior management of [name of firm] confirms and undertakes that there will not be any material changes to its internal controls and systems in respect of SFC-authorized funds that it has put in place for compliance with the UT Code for the period between the end of its last financial year (i.e. [date]) and the effective date of RA 13 (i.e. 2 October 2024). If there is any material changes to its internal controls and systems or non-compliance with applicable requirements under the UT Code during such period, it will inform the SFC immediately."
- To be submitted together with the last Appendix G report in respect of the 2023 financial year



#### **AML/CFT** issues

Same as all FIs, a depositary is generally expected to conduct CDD measures on the relevant CIS, whether it is in trust, corporate or other form

Depositary may carry out CDD measures on the management company of the relevant CIS ("Manco") instead, if:

Manco is an LC or registered institution ("RI")

Underlying investors of the relevant CIS have no control over the management of the CIS's property;

AND

Manco has put in place measures to carry out CDD (either by itself, or through an institution appointed by the relevant CIS or the Manco) on all investors of the relevant CIS in accordance with AMLO requirements

FAQs to be issued in due course



### Licence / registration applications for firms and individuals



#### Licensing overview for RA 13

### ❖ Built upon existing licensing framework under Part V of the SFO

- Firms carrying on RA business in HK should hold a licence or registration for that RA
  - RA 13: Capture only trustees and custodians at the top of the custodial chain
- Individuals performing regulated functions for the firms should be licensed representatives or relevant individuals accredited to the firms
  - > RA 13: Focus on staff responsible for custody function and oversight function
- Assessment criteria Fit and proper
  - RA 13: Current *Fit and Proper Guidelines* equally apply (with grandfathering arrangements to exempt local regulatory papers during transitional period)

#### Amended licensing forms to cater for RA 13 applications

- Electronic application forms on WINGS (<a href="http://wings.sfc.hk">http://wings.sfc.hk</a>)
- Announcement to be made (tentatively, in July 2023)
- Pre-existing depositaries to submit licence/registration applications within 4 months of the launch of the forms



#### Individuals to be licensed or registered for RA 13



# Custody and safekeeping of relevant CIS property

- Staff assuming oversight duties over the performance of the custody function; and
- Staff empowered to approve instructions or transactions for custody-related purposes (eg, approving payments or asset transfers, signing-off cash reconciliation), where applicable



## Oversight of the operation of relevant CISs

- Staff assuming oversight duties to ensure the CIS operates in accordance with scheme documents
- Encompass the monitoring of various operations, eg, compliance with investment and borrowing restrictions, cash flow, fund accounting and valuation, and the issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of the CIS units or shares



#### Individuals to be licensed or registered for RA 13 (cont'd)

- If a depositary also acts as the fund administrator, transfer agent or registrar for a relevant CIS, staff of the depositary who are engaged to provide such services are generally not required to be licensed, unless they also have an oversight responsibility in respect of these operations based on the particular business model and governance structure adopted by the depositary.
- Staff of other entities (such as sub-custodians, fund administrators, transfer agents) performing delegated functions are generally not required to be licensed. Instead, staff of the depositary who oversee the operations of these functions should be licensed.
- Compliance officers of a depositary are not required to be licensed if they only carry out the compliance function of the depositary, such as performing internal reviews, or providing internal compliance advice, on the work conducted by the depositary's licensed staff to ensure compliance with internal policies and applicable regulations.



#### Fit and proper criteria

#### Section 129 of the SFO:

- financial status or solvency
- educational or other qualifications or experience
- ability to carry on RA competently, honestly and fairly
- reputation, character, reliability and financial integrity
- information relating to substantial shareholders and officers
- any information SFC or HKMA may consider relevant

#### **❖** Refer to *Fit and Proper Guidelines*

#### **Competence requirements**



#### For corporate applicants

- Business model
- Corporate Governance
- Risk Management
- Internal Control
- Compliance
- Conflicts of Interest
- Staff competencies

#### For individual applicants

- Academic or professional qualifications
- Relevant industry experience
- Management experience
- Local regulatory papers ("LRP") & recognized industry qualification ("RIQ")
  - Grandfathering arrangement for RA 13 during transitional period (see Slide 35)
  - Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute to administer RA 13 exams in due course

#### \* Refer to Guidelines on Competence



#### Key aspects in assessing corporate licence applications

#### **Business**

- Business model
- Operational mode
- Clientele

#### **Controller**

- Business rationale
- Background of shareholders (incl. substantial shareholders)
- Compliance history

#### Management

- Directors, Responsible officers ("ROs") and Managers-in-charge ("MICs")
- Compliance history
- RO competence (at least 2 ROs and 1 executive director

#### **Financial Strength**

- Source of funding
- Ability to comply with ongoing financial resources requirements

#### **Internal Control**

- Corporate governance
- Internal controls to ensure checks & balances, deal with conflicts of interest, etc.
- Risk management measures (incl. effective BCP)



#### Information required from LC applicants (in application forms)

- Shareholding chart showing all corporate and individual shareholders
- Information of all substantial shareholders and AEs (defined in SFO)
- Questionnaire on business profile and internal control summary
- Operational flowcharts describing proposed business operations
- Organisational chart depicting the governance structure, operational units, key management staff and their reporting lines
- Information of all directors, proposed ROs and MICs
- ❖ Details of financial strength to meet the required financial resources requirements for RA 13 (i.e. minimum amount of paid-up share capital of HK\$10 million and require liquid capital of HK\$3 million)
- **❖ Disclosure** of involvement in any disciplinary actions or proceeding pending or in the past 5 years in Hong Kong and elsewhere, etc.

#### **Managers-in-Charge of LCs**



- Senior management of an LC include, but not limited to, the LC's:
  - Directors
  - ROs
  - MICs (who are appointed to be in charge of one or more core functions (see next Slide) and report directly to the Board or the OMO of the LC)
- An LC's Board has the ultimate responsibility for delegated decisions and is required to have systems and controls in place to supervise those who act under the delegated authority
- The Board should adopt a formal document setting out clearly:
  - the management structure of the LC, and
  - the senior management personnel deployed, including their role, responsibilities and reporting lines appointed by the Board or its delegate

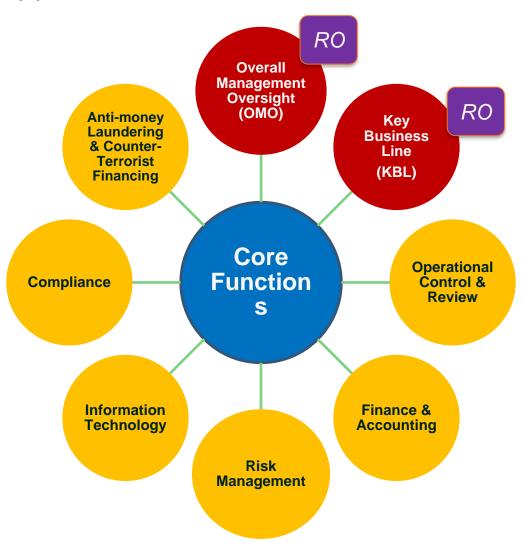
Note: SFC may request an LC to provide the document for review, if necessary





#### Managers-in-Charge of LCs (cont'd)

Identify MIC(s) for each of the 8 core functions



#### Managers-in-Charge of LCs (cont'd)



#### For each MIC appointment:-

- submit the MIC's full name, ID information, job title and reporting line
- ensure that the LC's Board approves (and the MIC acknowledges) such appointment

### Many larger or multinational LCs may have more complex management and reporting structure

- Our primary focus is on the managerial staff who have sufficient authority and are closely involved in managing the day-to-day operations of an LC
- These managerial staff should be reporting directly to the Board or the CEO of the LC, on top of other reporting lines (if any)
- The same Core Function may be headed by more than one MIC

#### MICs who do not carry on any RAs (eg, Chief Finance Officer, Chief Compliance Officer) are not expected to be licensed

For avoidance of doubt, there will be no regulatory approval or examination requirements for these MICs

#### Managers-in-Charge of LCs (cont'd)



- ❖ Refer to SFC's Circular regarding Measures for Augmenting the Accountability of Senior Management dated 16 December 2016 and related FAQs
- For RIs or RI applicants, please refer to HKMA's Circular regarding Management Accountability at Registered Institutions issued on 16 Oct 2017
- RIs are required to submit their management structure information and organisational charts (and ongoing changes) to HKMA (RI\_management\_info@hkma.icInet.hk) and SFC (mpra@sfc.icInet.hk) using standardized forms



### Competence requirements for ROs / executive officers ("EOs")

(Para. 4.2.1 of Guidelines on Competence)

	Option A	Option B	Option C	
Academic or professional qualifications	Degree in designated fields (eg, accounting, law, finance);  Other degree (with passes in at least two courses in designated fields); or  Professional qualifications	Other degree (without passes in two courses in designated fields)	Attained Level 2 in either English or Chinese as well as in Mathematics in the HKDSE or equivalent	
Relevant industry experience	At least 3 years over past 6 years	At least 3 years over past 6 years	At least 3 years over past 6 years	At least 5 years over past 8 years
RIQ or Extra continuous professional training (CPT)	_	Obtained relevant RIQ or completed relevant Extra CPT	Obtained relevant RIQ	Completed relevant Extra CPT
Management experience	2 years	2 years	2 years	
LRP	Pass	Pass	Pass	

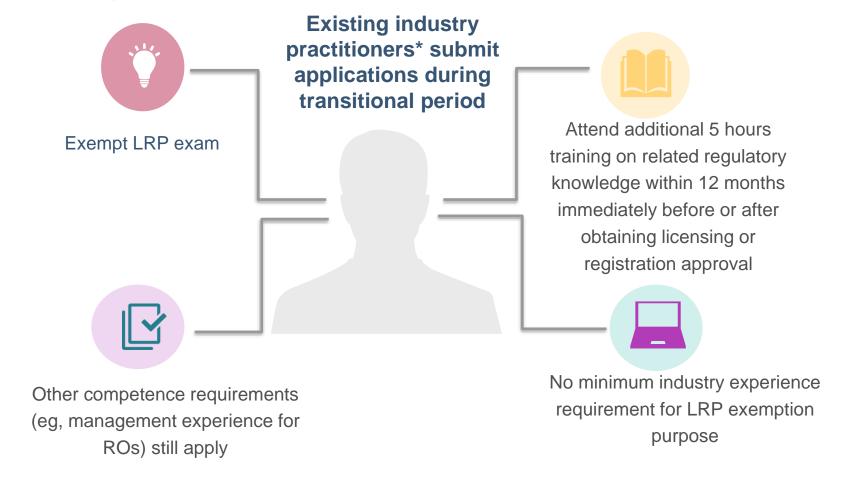


### Competence requirements for Licensed Representatives ("LRs") / Relevant Individuals

(Para. 4.3.1 of Guidelines on Competence)

	Option A Option B		Option C		
Academic or professional qualifications	Degree in designated fields (eg, accounting, law, finance); Other degree (with passes in at least two courses in designated fields); or Professional qualifications	Other degree (without passes in two courses in designated fields)		Attained Level 2 in either English or Chinese as well as in Mathematics in the HKDSE or equivalent	
Relevant industry experience	_	At least 2 years over past 5 years	_	At least 2 years over past 5 years	_
RIQ or Extra CPT		_	Obtained relevant RIQ or completed relevant Extra CPT	Completed relevant Extra CPT	Obtained relevant RIQ
LRP	Pass	Pass		Pass	

### LRP exemption under grandfathering arrangement for RA 13



<sup>\*</sup> Including individuals seeking to be ROs or LRs of LCs, or EOs or relevant individuals of RIs



#### **Registration process for RIs**

- Applicant must be an authorised financial institution authorised by HKMA under the Banking Ordinance ("BO")
- SFC to refer the RI application to HKMA for consideration
- \* HKMA to consult SFC on the merits of the application
- SFC to consider HKMA's advice in deciding whether or not to grant the registration
- At least 2 EOs proposed for HKMA's consent under the BO
- RI to file the names of its "relevant individuals" onto HKMA's Register
- RI's EOs and relevant individuals are subject to the same competence requirements applicable to LC's ROs and LRs respectively



## Timeline for submitting RA 13 applications

Jul – Nov 2023

- Submit LC and RI applications through WINGS\*
- Submit applications of proposed ROs and EOs
- Provide a list of intended LRs (see next slide)

Jun – Jul 2024 Submit individual LR applications through WINGS

Jul - Aug 2024  Finalise LC and RI applications (including their proposed ROs and EOs) for the grant of approval-in-principle

2 Oct 2024

 Formal grant of RA 13 licence and registration to both firms and individuals upon commencement of RA 13 regime

<sup>\*</sup> SFC will make announcement when WINGS begins to accept RA 13 applications (tentatively in Jul 2023).



## Procedure to submit LR applications

- ❖ In view of potential staff changes of prospective RA 13 LCs, LR applications can be submitted at a later stage of the transitional period (i.e. in June 2024 and July 2024)
- ❖ For resources planning purposes, we will request an RA 13 LC applicant to provide a list of its intended LR applicants to be accredited to the firm to carry on RA 13 ("LR List")
- The LR List will include the following information for each intended LR:
  - Full name
  - Identification number (eg, HKID, passport number)
  - Date of birth
  - Competence Option A, B or C (refer to Guidelines on Competence)
- Update SFC of any changes to the LR List during the transitional period



## **Application forms and supporting documents**

Entity	Forms				
Non-bank corporations	<ul> <li>Form 1 – Application for Licence – Corporation</li> <li>Form 2 – Post-licence Application by Licensed Corporation</li> <li>Form 9 – Notification and Application by Associated Entity</li> <li>Supplement 1 – Information on Corporation</li> <li>Supplement 2 – Personal Information</li> <li>Supplement 3 – Bank Accounts and Financial Information</li> <li>Questionnaire 1 – General Business Profile and Internal Control Summary</li> </ul>				
Individuals applying as ROs and LRs	<ul> <li>Form 5 – New Licence Application for Responsible Officer or Licensed Representative</li> <li>Form 6 – Post-licence Application for Responsible Officer or Licensed Representative</li> </ul>				
Authorised financial institutions	<ul> <li>Form 3 – Application for New Registration (For Authorized Institution Only)</li> <li>Form 4 - Post-registration Applications (For Registered Institution Only)</li> <li>Note: Submit EO applications directly to HKMA</li> </ul>				



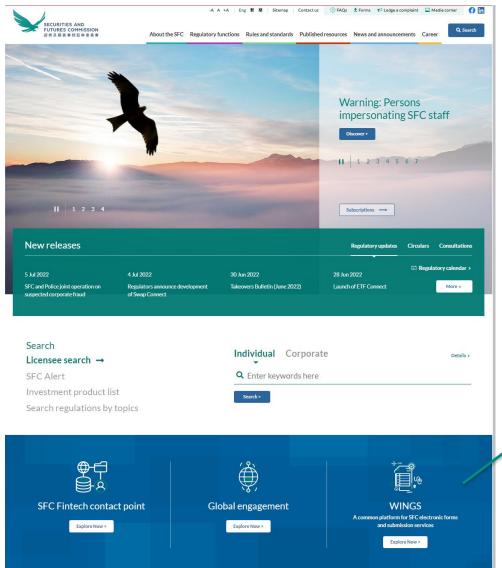
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Access to the WINGS Platform (https://wings.sfc.hk)



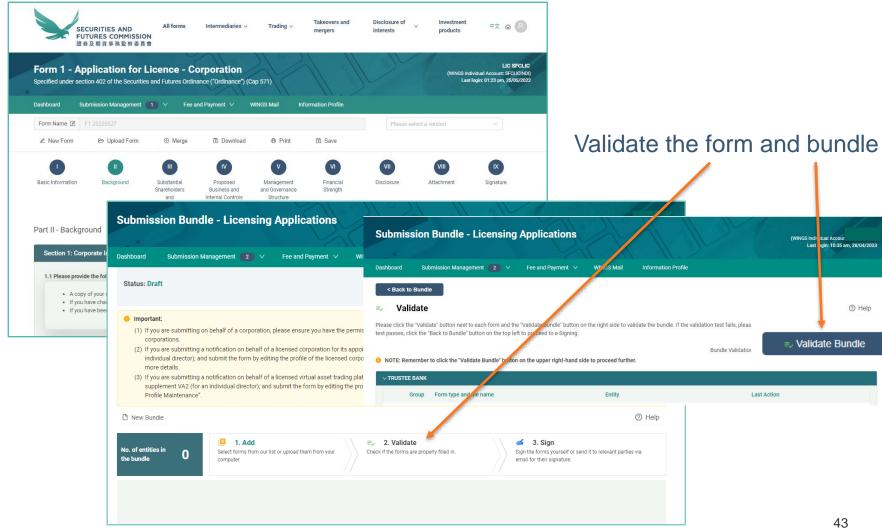




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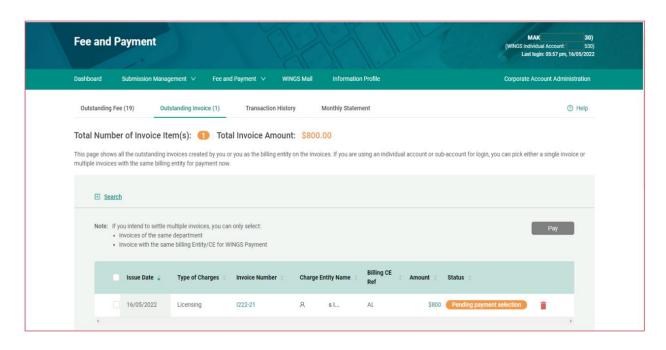


### E-sign the form

Declare that the Board of Directors has passed a board resolution appointing me as to Principal as defined under the Sponsor Guidelines.      Director and responsible officer to supervise the regulated activities for which This field is mandatory.  Responsible officer and granting me sufficient authority to supervise the regulated activities for which This field is mandatory.  Please enter	I will be responsible (where the applicant is a director).  ated activities for which I will be responsible (where the applica		Submit the application
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### Settle the fee after SFC accepted the application



### **4 Payment Methods**











Online demos for WINGS are available on SFC Website (https://wings.sfc.hk/main/#/en/demo-video)



### **Ongoing CPT requirements**

### **Corporations' obligations:**

- plan and implement a suitable continuous education programme for staff
- keep records of programmes and CPT activities for a minimum of three years

### Minimum requirement per calendar year:

- 10 CPT hours for LRs and relevant individuals
- 12 CPT hours for ROs and EOs (include 2 hours on regulatory compliance)
- pro-rata with reference to licensed period

#### Other requirements:

- at least 5 CPT hours on topics directly relevant to the RAs engaged
- no less than 2 CPT hours on topics relating to ethics or compliance per calendar year

2 CPT hours on ethics within 12 months for individual practitioner who first joins the industry in Hong Kong



# 3

# **Ongoing reporting obligations**



## Periodic reporting returns and filings

## **Monthly**



- Requirements under s.56 of FRR
  - √ Financial returns

### Requirements under s.156 of SFO and s.3 & s.4 of AAR

- ✓ A set of accounts and the auditor's report
- ✓ Financial returns (including Form 8A)
- ✓ Business and risk management questionnaire ("BRMQ")
- ✓ Compliance report by the auditor
- Further document from the auditor in PN820 of HKICPA
  - ✓ Audit Questionnaire
- Requirements under s.138 of SFO
  - ✓ Annual returns

### **Annually**

## **Event driven reporting**



### ✓ Section 55 of the FRR

### Examples:

- Liquid capital falls below 120% of its required liquid capital
- Liquid capital falls below 50% of the liquid capital stated in its last return submitted

# ✓ Paragraph 12.5 of the Code of Conduct

Immediate reporting

### Examples:

- Any material breach, infringement of or noncompliance with any applicable law, rules and regulations
- Any material failure, error or defect in the operation or key functions (e.g. settlement systems)



## **Event driven reporting (cont'd)**



### Common notifications of changes

- **Examples:** 
  - Individual licensee's cessation to act for a principal
  - Change in name
  - Change in contact information & business address\*
  - Change in director or his/her particulars
  - Change in share capital and/or shareholding structure\*
  - Change in MIC information or organizational structure
  - Change in bank accounts
  - Change in directorship and other business interest
  - **Prior approval** required for any new record keeping premises (under s130 of SFO) or any new substantial shareholders (under s132 of SFO)
- Refer to Paragraphs 9.4 to 9.8 of Licensing Handbook, Securities and Futures (Licensing and Registration)
  - (Information) Rules and relevant provisions of the SFO



For RIs – to make reporting / notifications to HKMA and SFC according to relevant requirements



4 — Q&As

# Thank you.

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