

Instructions To Obtain a Medallion Signature Guarantee or Signature Validation Program Stamp

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What is It?	
<p>Medallion Signature Guarantees are used across the investment industry to protect shareholder accounts from unauthorized transactions. An officer of a financial institution reviews the proper legal documents pertaining to your request, witnesses your signature, and guarantees that your signature is genuine by stamping the form or letter and signing his or her name and title.</p> <p>An original STAMP2000 Medallion Signature Guarantee uses bar codes and special ink and has other security features to deter counterfeiting. For this reason, only originals will be accepted.</p> <p>Note: A notary's seal cannot serve as an alternative to a Medallion Signature Guarantee.</p>	<p>Signature Validation Program Stamps are used across the investment industry to protect shareholder accounts from unauthorized maintenance or non-financial requests. An officer of a financial institution reviews the proper legal documents pertaining to your request, witnesses your signature, and verifies that your signature is genuine by stamping the form or letter and signing his or her name and title.</p> <p>An original Signature Validation Program Stamp uses bar codes and special ink and has other security features to deter counterfeiting. For this reason, only originals will be accepted.</p> <p>Note: A notary's seal cannot serve as an alternative to a Signature Validation Program Stamp.</p>
When is it Required?	
<p>Pioneer requires a Medallion Signature Guarantee on certain transaction requests for your protection. When an institution provides a Medallion Signature Guarantee, it assures Pioneer that the signature and instructions are genuinely yours and that you have the authority to provide the instruction(s) contained within the request.</p> <p>You must provide a Medallion Signature Guarantee when you request any of the following:</p> <p>Redemptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests over \$100,000• Requests made payable to someone other than the registered shareholder(s)• Requests made payable to the registered shareholder(s) at an address different from the one on the account (including bank instructions)• Requests in which the address of record has been changed in the past thirty (30) days• Exchanges over \$500,000 <p>Transfers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests to transfer retirement plan assets over \$100,000 to a new custodian• Requests to transfer shares to an account with a different registration (i.e. beneficiary request, gift shares) <p>There may be other unique situations that require a Medallion Signature Guarantee.</p>	<p>Pioneer requires a Signature Validation Program Stamp on certain maintenance and non-financial requests for your protection. When an institution provides a Signature Validation Program Stamp, it assures Pioneer that the signature and instructions are genuinely yours and that you have the authority to provide the instruction(s) contained within the non-financial or maintenance request.</p> <p>You must provide a Signature Validation Program Stamp when you request any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name change• Add or change a systematic withdrawal plan• Add telephone or online purchase or redeem options• Add or change beneficiaries for non-IRA accounts (Transfer on Death)• Dividends and/or capital gains to be directly deposited into a bank account• Requests to add or change bank information to an account (Not required for Automatic Investment Plans)• Add checkwriting to an existing account or to an account established via an exchange/transfer <p>There may be other unique situations that require a Signature Validation Program Stamp.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on back</i></p>

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Who Can Provide It?

Institutions that may be able to provide a Medallion Signature Guarantee:

- Domestic banks
- Credit Unions
- Trust companies
- National securities exchanges
- Broker/dealers
- Clearing agencies
- Municipal securities broker/dealers
- Registered securities associations
- Savings associations
(including Savings and Loan associations)
- Government securities broker/dealers whose net capital exceeds \$100,000

The institution from which you obtain a Medallion Signature Guarantee will require certain legal documentation to verify your identity, legal authority, and capacity. Contact the financial institution where you intend to obtain the Medallion Signature Guarantee to learn what specific documents you will need in order to obtain the Medallion Signature Guarantee.

Medallion Signature Guarantees must cover the amount of the requested transaction. There are several different guarantee amounts, so it is important to acquire a guarantee amount equal to or greater than the amount of the transaction(s). There is a unique identification number with a letter prefix on each Medallion signifying the dollar amount covered by the guarantor. The amount of coverage associated with each corresponding prefix is as follows:

- A \$1,000,000
- B \$750,000
- C \$500,000
- D \$250,000
- E \$100,000
- F (Credit Unions) \$100,000 (per transaction)
- X \$2,000,000
- Y \$5,000,000
- Z \$10,000,000

If the surety bond of the Medallion Guarantee is less than the transaction(s) amount, your request will be rejected.

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Please Note: If your instructions contain a financial request as well as a non-financial or maintenance request, Pioneer will require a Medallion Signature Guarantee in order to process the entire request.

Mail your completed letter or form with the Medallion Signature Guarantee or Signature Validation Program Stamp to Pioneer Investment Management Shareholder Services, Inc. (PIMSS).

Regular Mail
P.O. Box 55014
Boston, MA 02205-5014

Overnight Address
30 Dan Road
Canton, MA 02121-2809

For further information, please call Pioneer Client Services between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

General Inquiries
1-800-225-6292

Retirement Plans
1-800-622-0176

Employer-Sponsored Plans
1-866-622-7815