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Empanelment of Auditors for conducting Internal Audit of Trading Members

1. Eligibility criteria for empanelment

- i. Auditor in the Audit firm should be an independent qualified Chartered Accountant who is in practice and who do not have any conflict of interest.
- ii. The Audit firm should have a minimum of 5 years' experience in carrying out audits, preferably in securities markets.
- iii. The Audit Firm shall have at least two partners at all times.
- iv. The Audit Firm is not debarred or restrained from issuing any certificate by ICAI, ICSI, ICMAI, RBI, SEBI or by other regulator/law enforcement agency.
- v. Any partner/employee of the Audit Firm shall have a valid NISM Series III-A: Securities Intermediaries Compliance Certification or certification of "Financial Market & Securities Laws" as provided by ICAI or equivalent certification offered by any other institution. Further, any partner/employee of the Audit Firm having valid certification of NISM-Series-XIV: Internal Auditors for Stockbrokers is also eligible till the expiry of the Certification.
- vi. In addition to the above, the Audit Firm which undertakes the Internal Audit of Qualified Stock Brokers ("QSBs") shall have at least five partners at all times; of which at least two partners should be full-time partners.

2. Procedure for Empanelment

- i. Audit Firm desirous of getting empaneled with the Exchange will be required to submit an online application form through Exchange website. The link is available on the Home Page- <https://www.bseindia.com> as shown below:

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The screenshot displays the BSE India website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Notices, Media Release, Trading Holidays, BSEPlus, BSE SME, Payments to BSE, Contact us, Careers, and Feedback. The BSE logo is prominently displayed on the left, and the S&P BSE SENSEX index is shown in the center, with a value of 71,483.75 and a change of +969.55 (+1.37%) as of 15 Dec 23 at 16:00. A 'Get Quote' section is visible on the right. The main navigation menu includes 'Menu', 'Members', 'Empanelment of Internal Auditor', 'New' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Member Directory', 'Members Compliances', and 'Information For Members'. Below the navigation, there is an 'Application Form' section with a table of notices. The table has columns for Notice No, Subject, Segment Name, Category Name, Department, and PDF. The notices listed include various financial and regulatory updates. To the right of the table, there is a promotional banner for BSE India's online MF distribution platform and a 'Members Helpdesk' section with links to various services like BOLT+ On Web, Smart Order Routing, Colocation, Algo Trading, Mobile Trading, Direct Market Access, Proximity Hosting, and Independent Software Vendor (ISV) List.

Notice No	Subject	Segment Name	Category Name	Department	PDF
20231216-2	Non-Competitive Bidding Facility for Auction of Treasury Bills (T-Bills) on December 20, 2023	Debt	Trading	Trading Operations	📄
20231216-1	Non-Competitive Bidding for Auction of State Government Securities (SDL) on December 19, 2023	Debt	Trading	Trading Operations	📄
20231215-55	Framework on Empanelment of Auditors for conducting Internal Audit of Trading/Clearing Members	General	Others	DOSS	📄
20231215-54	Daily Bulletin	General	Company related	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-53	Part Redemption on Debenture of HAMPPI EXPRESSWAYS PRIVATE LIMITED	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-52	Part Redemption on Debenture of KRAZYBEE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-51	Part Redemption on Debenture of MANBA FINANCE LIMITED	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-50	Part Redemption on Debenture of VASTU FINSERVE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-49	Suspension of Trading in Commercial Paper	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄
20231215-48	Suspension of Trading in Debentures of SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED	Debt	Corporate Actions	Listing Operations	📄

Master Circulars

Date	Compliance
15-Apr-23	Reporting for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications

- ii. Audit Firm will also be required to submit an Undertaking-cum- Affidavit in a prescribed format which is attached as Annexure -2.
- iii. The audit firm shall also submit original Undertaking-cum-Affidavit within 7 days from the submission of application through the online portal at the following address:

Inspection Department
BSE Limited
24th Floor, P J Towers, Dalal Street,
Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.
- iv. The applications for empanelment shall be reviewed and considered by the Exchange.
- v. Empanelment of the Audit Firm shall be at the sole discretion of the Exchange and binding on the Audit Firm.
- vi. The list of Audit Firms empanelled with the Exchange shall be displayed on the website of the Exchange.
- vii. The Audit Firm is required to submit Internal Audit Report of minimum one Trading Member for the half year ended March 31/September 30, as may be applicable, following the half year in which the Audit Firm is empanelled, failing which the Audit Firm shall cease to be empaneled.
For e.g.

Scenario -1

The Audit Firm is empanelled on March 31, 2024. The half year following the aforesaid date of empanelment is September 30, 2024. In this scenario, the Audit Firm can do the

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internal audits from the half year ended March 31, 2024 onwards. However, they shall cease to be empanelled if they fail to submit the internal audit report of minimum one Trading Member for the half year ended September 30, 2024.

Scenario -2

If the Audit Firm is empanelled on April 10, 2024, Audit Firm can do the internal audits from the half year ended March 31, 2024, onwards. However, they shall cease to be empanelled if they fail to submit the internal audit report of minimum one Trading Member for the half year ended March 31, 2025.

viii. Disciplinary Actions

The Exchange may, where deemed necessary, initiate disciplinary actions including discontinuation from conducting the said internal audit, or dis-empanelment from any assignment related to any registered Trading Member, after giving an opportunity to the Audit Firm to submit explanations.