

**Eligibility for acquiring or holding shares in a depository.
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(1) No person shall, directly or indirectly, acquire or hold equity shares or voting rights of a depository unless he is a fit and proper person.

(2) Any person who, directly or indirectly, either individually or together with persons acting in concert, acquires equity shares such that his shareholding exceeds two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital of a depository, shall seek approval of the Board within fifteen days of the acquisition.

(3) Any person holding more than two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital of the depository on the date of commencement of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) (Amendment) Regulations, 2012, shall seek approval of the Board within a period of ninety days from the date of such commencement.

(4) If approval under sub-regulation (2) or (3) is not granted by the Board to any person, such person shall forthwith divest his excess shareholding. (5) Any person holding more than two per cent. of the paid up equity share capital in a depository shall file a declaration within fifteen days from the end of every financial year to the depository that he complies with the fit and proper criteria.

(6) Save as otherwise provided in these regulations, the shareholding or voting rights of any person in a depository shall not exceed the limits specified in these regulations at any point of time.

(7) For determining the shareholding of any person in a depository as specified in these regulations, any instrument held, owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by him that entitles him the voting rights or provides for entitlement to voting rights or equity shares or any other rights over equity shares at any future date, shall also be included."