

NYSE Trading Licenses and SEATS System for 2008
Frequently Asked Questions
(as of 1/08/08)

Q: Do I need a license to access the NYSE market electronically?

A: In order to have direct access to the NYSE market via a DOT terminal, you must acquire a trading license. If you do not acquire a license, you must execute your orders through another member organization.

Q: May I name a floor member if I (the Member Organization) will be accessing only the electronic facilities of the Exchange and have no need for an individual on the floor?

A: No, you may not. If you decide to have an individual on the floor in the future, you should contact Eileen McElduff in Membership Services (212) 656- 8499. You will pay any related transfer fees for transferring that license in the future.

Q: If I choose to remain a member organization without purchasing a trading license, how do I access the facilities of the Exchange?

A: Without a trading license, member organizations may not have a presence on the floor of the Exchange; this includes physical presence and clearing status. They also may not have a direct line to the floor of the Exchange. Member organizations choosing not to apply for a license will need to access the facilities of the Exchange via another member organizations' floor trader or electronic link and must clear trades through another member organization.

Q: Is there a penalty for surrendering the Trading License during the calendar year?

A: Member Organizations may surrender a Trading License without penalty provided they notify Member Services at least ten days prior to the start of the calendar month.

Q: How do I apply for a trading license ?

A: A Trading License form will be provided for those applying for new or additional licenses. Contact Eileen McElduff in Membership Services at (212) 656-8499.

Q: Is the 10% additional fee for licenses issued after the initial application process pro-rated to the time remaining in the year?

A: Yes, Trading Licenses applied for after January 1, 2008 will be priced at a rate 10% higher than the original \$40,000 price.

Q: Will the Floor Members Emergency Fund continue?

A: The FMEF is run independently of the Exchange. Its Board of Directors has given the Exchange no indication it plans to cease operations after the merger.

Q: Can trading licenses be transferred from one member firm to an affiliated member firm?

A. Yes, provided they are both NYSE members in good standing. Certain fees will apply.

Q: If I switch firms can I take my license with me?

A: In most cases, no. Trading licenses are associated with Member Organizations, who assign them to their traders. In a merger of firms, however, the Trading License can transfer directly to the merged entity.

Q: Will there be changes to “qualify” each new trader?

A: No, all current rules and regulations related to trader qualification remain unchanged.

For further information, please contact Eileen McElduff (212-656-8499; emcelduff@nyx.com).

