

## **Employment in Financial Services**

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# 06. Is there a register of financial services employees that individuals will need to be listed on to undertake particular business activities? If so, what are the steps required for registration?



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There is no one-point register for financial services employees that individuals need to be listed on to undertake business activities. Such a register may vary depending upon the industry one is seeking and whether the post is that of a specialist or a generalist. Specialists like IT professionals, lawyers etc., working in financial services are bound by registration requirements mandated by the practice rules of their domains. For example, IT or ITES industry professionals may register themselves with the "National Skills Registry"[1], an initiative of the technology industry body NASSCOM. This registry maintains a central database of their qualifications, experiences and demographic information. NASSCOM also runs a BFSI Sectoral Skill Council (BFSI SSC) to cater to the financial services sector. The National Institute of Securities Market (NISM) Skills Registry is another similar initiative by the NISM.

[1] FAQs on Understanding NSR, available at <a href="https://nationalskillsregistry.com/faq-understanding-nsr.htm">https://nationalskillsregistry.com/faq-understanding-nsr.htm</a>

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The FCA maintains a public list of authorised firms and the activities for which each firm has permission. This list is known as the Financial Services Register. The register also includes a directory of certified and assessed persons working in financial services – this includes for each firm (as applicable) senior managers; certified staff; directors (executive and non-executive) who are not performing SMFs; and other individuals who are sole traders or appointed representatives.

Firms are responsible for keeping the directory up to date. Firms must report certain information to the FCA about persons included in the register and directory, including information on an individual's role, their workplace location, and the types of business they are qualified to undertake. The FCA provides guidance and Q&As to assist firms with navigating the register and directory.

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