

Did you know that accreditation is a status, not a process? Accredited investors, as defined by the SEC, are those who meet the criteria to participate in certain private capital market deals.

Not sure if you meet the criteria? These checklists outline the requirements for accreditation.

Accreditation criteria for an individual (natural person):

If you would like to invest as an individual OR jointly with your spouse OR through your self-directed IRA, you must fulfill **one** of the following requirements to be accredited.

- You have a pre-tax income exceeding \$200,000 annually for the past two years (\$300,000 jointly with a spouse or spousal equivalent) with the expectation of that continuing in the next year.
- You have a net worth of more than \$1,000,000, either alone or with a spouse or spousal equivalent, **excluding** the value of the primary residence.
- You hold certain professional certifications, designations, and licenses that are active and in good standing. This includes Series 7, Series 82, and Series 65 holders in good standing.

Accreditation criteria for a trust:

If you would like to invest through a trust, the trust must fulfill **one** of the following requirements:

- The trust possesses assets in excess of \$5 million AND is not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring this investment AND is directed by a sophisticated* person.
- The trust utilizes a bank trustee.
- The trust is revocable AND grantor(s) are accredited individual investors.**

Accreditation criteria for a business entity:

If you would like to invest through a business entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC, the entity must fulfill **one** of the following criteria:

- My business entity possesses assets in excess of \$5 million AND is not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring this investment.
- All equity owners of my business entity are accredited individual investors.**

*A "sophisticated" person must have sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make them capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment.

**See individual (natural person) accreditation criteria.