

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Commercial Banking – Professional Trustees

### **Am I considered a professional trustee?**

A professional trustee is one of the following entities:

- The public trustee of a province or a similar public official whose duties involve holding monies in trust for others
- A federal, provincial or municipal government, or a department or agency thereof
- A solicitor or partnership of solicitors, a law corporation, or a notary or partnership of notaries in the province of Quebec, when they act in that capacity as a trustee of monies for others
- An entity which is acting as a trustee of monies for others in the course of business and is required by law to hold the deposit in trust, for instance a travel agency in Quebec
- An entity which is acting as a trustee of monies for others in the course of business and is required to hold the deposit in trust by the rules of a securities commission, stock exchange or other regulatory or self-regulating organization that audits compliance with those rules
- A regulated federal or provincial trust company acting on behalf of the depositor

To determine if you qualify as a professional trustee under the CDIC Act, please refer to the decision tree on the CDIC website.

**CDIC ref.:** [cdic.ca](http://cdic.ca) > Financial community and trustees > For trustees > For professional trustees > Interactive decision tree

### **What will happen if I don't declare my status as a professional trustee?**

Your trust accounts will be considered regular trust accounts (not professional trust accounts), which means you must confirm to us the information about the beneficiaries of your accounts before the April 30 deadline. If you do not give us your confirmation, your deposit protection insurance could be reduced or withdrawn effective April 30.

### **Can you help me determine if I should declare my status as a professional trustee?**

Please contact your professional association or CDIC. Either one can help you make this determination.

### **Why are the rules applicable to professional trustees important?**

They are important because they affect the deposit insurance coverage on deposits held by professional trustees as well as CDIC's treatment of these deposits in the event of the failure of a CDIC member institution.

Under these rules, eligible professional trustees can designate some of their accounts as professional trustee accounts (PTAs). Doing so will relieve them of the obligation to annually report to CDIC member institutions the information normally required concerning the beneficiaries of such accounts. They only have to do so at CDIC's request.

### **How do I designate myself as a professional trustee?**

You have to complete and sign the [Professional Trustee Account Attestation](#) and mail it back to us before April 30 in the postage-paid return envelope included with the letter. If you no longer have this envelope, you can use another envelope to return it to us at the address indicated at the top of the form.

By signing this attestation, you will no longer be required to provide the information normally required about beneficiaries for the current year. You must complete an attestation each year.

### **Will I be able to obtain the professional trust account attestation later?**

This letter is mailed out annually. If you do not designate yourself as a professional trustee before April 30 of this year using the attestation form provided, you will be able to do so when we send it to you next year.