

The Federal Reserve System Announces E-APPS ON-LINE REGULATORY APPLICATIONS

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What exactly is E-Apps?

E-Apps is a web-based application that allows banking organizations supervised by the Federal Reserve System to submit regulatory filings, directly or through their authorized representatives, via the Internet. As an alternative to paper submissions, E-Apps will provide convenience and cost savings. There are no fees associated with using E-Apps.

What type of regulatory filings can be submitted through E-Apps?

E-Apps is intended for filings related to bank holding company mergers, acquisitions, and non-banking activities; state member bank mergers and branch expansions; and international banking applications. A complete list of filings suitable for E-Apps can be found at *www.federalreserve.gov/bankinforeg/eapps.htm*. E-Apps cannot accommodate Change in Bank Control filings from individuals at this time.

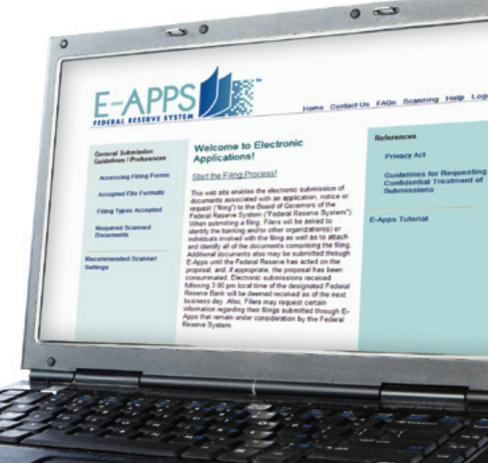
How can I access E-Apps?

To access E-Apps, you must first obtain a digital certificate as discussed below. After obtaining your digital certificate, you will access E-Apps through the Board of Governors' web site at *www.federalreserve.gov/bankinforeg/eapps.htm*. The web site includes a Quick Reference Guide, Frequently Asked Questions, and an interactive tutorial that will walk you through the steps for submitting a filing.



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Digital Certificates Protect Your Information

E-Apps provides a secure environment for your electronic filing by requiring the use of digital certificates. The process for issuing a certificate requires some lead time and paperwork prior to your initial filing, but the certificates will remain available for subsequent filings and continue to afford maximum information security. Financial institutions can authorize an unlimited number of attorneys or consultants to file on their behalf and/or designate in-house staff to file applications directly.

Instructions and forms for obtaining a certificate can be found at *www.federal reserve.gov/bankinforeg/eapps.htm*. A Quick Reference Guide also is available to assist you with the filing process.

Is the application filing process secure?

Yes. The process for submitting applications over the Internet has been carefully designed to ensure the confidentiality of the data and authenticity of the filer. Everyone who uses E-Apps will be issued a digital certificate to ensure that only authenticated users can access the system.

What is a digital certificate?

A digital certificate is a security measure provided by the Federal Reserve that prevents unauthorized access to E-Apps. The filer's certificate will reside on his/her computer, and he/she will be the only person who can use it. A filer will receive only one certificate, no matter how many institutions he/she is authorized to act on behalf of.

Why does a filer need a digital certificate?

A digital certificate authenticates individuals to use E-Apps and helps to ensure the security of personal and confidential information that is transmitted as part of the applications filing process.



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