

Wrap ISA

Permitted Investments List

This document details the permissible investments for the Wrap ISA. For information relating to the purchase of these investments, please refer to the Wrap Technical Guide. Please also refer to the Important Notes section at the end of this document.

The information in this document is based on our current understanding of HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) guidelines for ISAs, which may be subject to change in the future.

Permitted investments

Shares

Shares issued by a company that is incorporated anywhere in the world, and that are either officially listed on an HMRC recognised stock exchange or traded on any market of a recognised stock exchange in the European Economic Area (EEA).¹

PLEASE NOTE: If the shares were acquired by the ISA before 1 July 2014 there is a further requirement that within five years of the date of investment the investor should not be certain, or near certain, of the return of 95% or more of their initial investment (the '5% test').

For shares in qualifying Investment Trusts, please see the separate section.

Securities

Securities issued by a company that is incorporated anywhere in the world, and where either the securities themselves or the shares of the issuing company are listed on an HMRC recognised stock exchange. Securities include loans, loan stocks (secured or unsecured), debentures and eurobonds.

PLEASE NOTE: If the security was acquired before 1 July 2014 then the security must have at least five years to run until redemption when it is first acquired for the ISA.

Core Capital Deferred Shares (CCDS)

Core Capital Deferred Shares (as defined in the Building Societies (Core Capital Deferred Shares) Regulations SI 460/2013) issued by a UK Building Society can be purchased within an ISA on or after 1 July 2014.

Government Securities

Gilts and gilt strips plus government securities issued by governments of other EEA countries, and their strips.

PLEASE NOTE: If the security was acquired before 1 July 2014 then the security must have at least five years to run until redemption when they are purchased for the ISA.

Cash

Any cash must be held in sterling in the Product Bank Account.

¹ For a list of current HMRC recognised stock exchanges, go to www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-stock-exchanges.

Units or Shares in a UK UCITS

A UK UCITS is a collective investment scheme authorised under section 31(1)(a) of the FSMA 2000 that complies with the requirements to be a UCITS scheme for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. Collective Investment Scheme is as defined by section 235 of the FSMA 2000. Please note that a Qualified Investor Scheme (QIS) does not qualify as an investment for an ISA.

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Units or shares in qualifying non-UCITS retail scheme (NURS)²

A NURS is either a collective investment scheme to which Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook 5.1, 5.4 and 5.6 apply or a non-UK scheme that is recognised by the FCA under section 270 or 272 of the FSMA 2000 that would be such a scheme if it were a UK scheme. In addition, the NURS must allow for redemptions at least fortnightly.

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Shares in qualifying Investment Trusts

Investment Trust is as defined in section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

The shares in the Investment Trust must be listed on the Official List of the Stock Exchange. The Investment Trust must satisfy the requirements for investment defined by HMRC, in that not more than 50% in value of the investments held by the Investment Trust are securities that are not qualifying securities or government securities, as defined by HMRC guidance. There is no requirement that any securities held by the Investment Trust be otherwise eligible for a stocks and shares ISA.

Units or shares in recognised UCITS

A recognised UCITS is a collective investment scheme that is constituted in an EEA state other than the UK and is a recognised scheme under section 264 of the FSMA 2000 and complies with the requirements to be a UCITS scheme for the purposes of the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook.

PLEASE NOTE: If acquired by the ISA before 1 July 2014 there is a further requirement that within five years of the date of investment the investor should not be certain, or near certain, of the return of 95% or more of their initial investment (the '5% test').

Shares emerging from Schedule 3 SAYE option schemes or Schedule 2 Share Incentive Plans

Shares acquired by employees which have emerged from Schedule 3 SAYE option scheme or a Schedule 2 Share Incentive Plan.

Units in collective investments schemes specified as stakeholder products

The collective investment scheme must be specified as a stakeholder product under regulation 5 of the FSMA 2000 (Stakeholder Products) Regulations 2004. These must be recognised schemes within the meaning of Section 235 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA 2000).

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Depositary interests ²

Depositary interests are investments where one person holds relevant investments, or rights to those investments, on behalf of the investor. They are qualifying investments only where all relevant investments are themselves qualifying investments.

For further information on the criteria for depositary interests to be held in the ISA, please contact us.

² These investment types could be 'Complex Products' and where they are, we will only allow clients to invest in them if they have received financial advice. Please see the section on Complex Products.

Complex Products

We will only allow clients to invest in Complex Products if they have received advice from a financial adviser in respect of the proposed investment.

Under regulations, there is no definition of Complex Products. However, the regulations do define Non-Complex Products as follows:

- Units/shares in a UCITS qualifying Collective Investment Scheme;
- Shares, Bonds and other forms of securitised debt admitted to trading on a trading venue;
- Structured deposits;
- Money market instruments; and
- Other Non-Complex Products that meet certain criteria, including having frequent opportunities to trade at publicly available prices, do not involve potential liability that exceeds the original investment, do not include exit charges that have the effect of making the investment illiquid and where adequate comprehensive information on the investment is publicly available and likely to be readily understood by the average retail client.

Complex Products are therefore anything that is outside of the above definition of Non-Complex. Specifically, Complex Products are anything involving derivatives or where the opportunity to sell is infrequent. This will include:

- Structured Products;
- Units/shares in some Non-UCITS Retail Schemes (NURS) (this will depend on the individual fund); and
- Futures and options.

If you are investing without having received financial advice and are unsure if your proposed investment is a Complex Product, please ask the provider of your investment.

If you are investing in a Non-Complex Product without having received financial advice, please note that we will not assess whether the proposed investment is appropriate for you.

Important notes

- It is your responsibility in conjunction with your financial adviser and/or investment manager (if applicable) to ensure any investments purchased are permissible.
- We are not regulated to provide investment advice and we will not assess whether any investment is appropriate for you. You are responsible in conjunction with your financial adviser and/or investment manager (if applicable) for choosing investments that are suitable for your individual circumstances.
- We will only appoint UK based stockbrokers or investment managers regulated by the FCA and who agree to our operational requirements.
- We reserve the right to decline making an investment for any reason we deem appropriate.
- Please contact us if you are unsure whether a particular investment is acceptable.
- We reserve the right to decline making an investment if the investment provider will not provide us with suitable monthly reconciliation data.
- The ISA is not able to lend money to any person, organisation or company.

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