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What does CIPF do for investors?

CIPF is a compensation fund that provides protection (within certain limits) if property being held by a member firm on a customer's behalf is missing (i.e., not returned to the customer) following the member firm's insolvency.

Member firms are (i) investment dealers and/or (ii) mutual fund dealers that are members of the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO) which oversees all investment dealers and mutual fund dealers in Canada. Lists of CIPF member firms are available at www.cipf.ca.

What does CIPF cover?

CIPF COVERS:

■ Missing property - This is property held by a member firm on your behalf that is not returned to you following the firm's insolvency. Missing property can include:

- cash and cash equivalents
- securities
- commodity and futures contracts
- segregated funds

A "security" is a type of financial instrument. Examples of securities include: bonds, GICs (guaranteed investment certificates), shares or stock of a company, units or shares of an investment fund such as mutual fund or an ETF (exchange-traded fund), and units of limited partnerships.

CIPF DOES NOT COVER:

- Losses resulting from any of the following:
  - a drop in the value of your investments for any reason
  - investments not suitable for you
  - fraudulent or other misrepresentations made to you
  - misleading information given to you
  - important information not disclosed to you
  - poor investment advice
  - the insolvency or default of the company or organization that issued your security
- Securities held directly by you, where you have received the share certificate or other ownership documentation for the investment. CIPF coverage does not apply since the member firm is not holding this property for you.
- Mutual funds registered in your name and held directly at the mutual fund company.
- Customer accounts held at a mutual fund dealer if the office serving you is located in Québec, unless the member firm is also registered as an investment dealer.
- Crypto assets held by a member firm on your behalf that are missing at the time of the member firm's insolvency.
- Other exclusions identified in the CIPF Coverage Policy, available at www.cipf.ca.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR CIPF PROTECTION?

■ If you meet the 3 points of eligibility below, you are eligible for CIPF protection:

1. **Eligible Customer**: Customers of an insolvent member firm are generally eligible, unless they are in the list of ineligible customers in the CIPF Coverage Policy. Ineligible customers include a director of the firm or an individual who contributed to the firm's insolvency.

2. An **Eligible Account** must be:
   - Used for transacting securities or commodity and futures contracts business, and
   - Fully disclosed in the records of the member firm, which would normally be shown by receipts, contracts and statements that have been issued to you by the member firm.

A mutual fund dealer account located in Québec is not an eligible account, unless the member firm is also registered as an investment dealer. Accounts are considered to be located in Québec if the office serving the customer is located in Québec. Mutual fund dealer customers with accounts in Québec are encouraged to contact their advisor for information about the coverage available for these accounts.

3. **Eligible Property**: may include cash and cash equivalents, securities, commodity and futures contracts, and segregated funds held by a member firm, but excludes crypto assets.

HOW DOES COVERAGE WORK?

If a customer bought one hundred shares of Company X at $50 per share through a member firm, and the share value on the day of the member firm's insolvency was $30, CIPF's objective would be returning the one hundred shares to the customer because that's the property in the customer's account at the date of insolvency. If the one hundred shares are missing from the account, CIPF would provide compensation based on the value of the missing shares on the day of the firm's insolvency. In this example, that's $30 per share.

WHAT ARE THE COVERAGE LIMITS?

CIPF will provide compensation for the value of the missing property as at the date of insolvency, up to the limits prescribed in the CIPF Coverage Policy. For an individual holding an account or accounts with a member firm, the limits on CIPF protection are generally as follows:

1. $1 million for all general accounts combined (such as cash accounts, margin accounts, FHSAs and TFSAs), plus
2. $1 million for all registered retirement accounts combined (such as RRSPs, RRIFs, LIRAs and LIFs), plus
3. $1 million for all registered education savings plans (RESPs) combined where the client is the subscriber of the plan.

The limits of coverage for other types of clients are outlined on CIPF's website. All coverage by CIPF is subject to the terms and conditions of the CIPF Coverage Policy and Claims Procedures, available at www.cipf.ca.

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