Procedure to claim unclaimed dividend/shares

1) Download the form IEPF-5 from the website of IEPF (http://www.iepf.gov.in) for filing the claim for unclaimed dividend/shares. Read the instructions provided on the website/instruction kit along with the e-form carefully before filling the form.

2) After filling the form save it on your computer and submit the duly filled form by following the instructions given in the upload link on the website. On successful uploading an acknowledgement will be generated indicating the SRN. Please note the SRN for future tracking of the form.

3) Take a printout of the duly filled IEPF-5 and the acknowledgement issued after uploading the form.

4) Submit indemnity bond in original, copy of acknowledgement and self-attested copy of e-form along with the other documents as mentioned in the Form IEPF-5 to Nodal Officer (IEPF) of the company at its registered office in an envelope marked "Claim for refund from IEPF Authority".

5) The company shall, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of claim, send a verification report to the Authority in the format specified by the Authority along with all the documents submitted by the claimant.

6) After verification of the entitlement of the claimant-
   a) to the amount claimed, the Authority and then Drawing and Disbursement Officer of the Authority shall present a bill to the Pay and Accounts Office for e-payment as per the guidelines,
   b) to the shares claimed, the Authority shall issue a refund sanction order with the approval of the Competent Authority and shall credit the shares to the DEMAT account of the claimant to the extent of the claimant's entitlement.

7) An application received for refund of any claim under this rule duly verified by the concerned company shall be disposed off by the Authority within sixty days from the date of receipt of the verification report from the company, complete in all respects and any delay beyond sixty days shall be recorded in writing specifying the reasons for the delay and the same shall be communicated to the claimant in writing or by electronic means.

8) In cases, where the application is incomplete or not approved, a communication shall be sent to the claimant and the concerned company by the Authority detailing deficiencies of the application.

9) In case, claimant is a legal heir or successor or administrator or nominee of the Registered share holder, he has to ensure that the transmission process is completed by the company before filing any claim with the Authority.

10) In case, claimant is a legal heir or successor or administrator or nominee of any other registered security or in cases where request of transfer or transmission of shares is received after the transfer of shares by company to the Authority, the company shall verify all requisite documents required for registering transfer or transmission and shall issue letter to the claimant indicating his entitlement to the said security and furnish a copy of the same to the Authority while verifying the claim of such claimant.

11) The claimant shall file only one consolidated claim in respect of a company in a financial year.
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About this Document

The Instruction Kit has been prepared to help you file eForms with ease. This document provides references to law(s) governing the eForms, instructions to fill the eForm at field level and common instructions to fill all eForms. The document also includes important points to be noted for successful submission.

User is advised to refer instruction kit specifically prepared for each eForm.

User is advised to file one form for one financial year against one Aadhar Number and one Company. User can enter more than one claims in single form (Number of claims to be entered in field 4), failing which the form is liable to be rejected.

Part I – Law(s) Governing the eForm

Section and Rules
eForm IEPF-5 is required to be filed pursuant to sub-section (3) of section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7(1) of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016

Rule 7(1):
Any person, whose shares, unclaimed dividend, matured deposits, matured debentures, application money due for refund, or interest thereon, sale proceeds of fractional shares, redemption proceeds of preference shares, etc. has been transferred to the Fund, may claim the shares under provision to sub-section (6) of section 124 or apply for refund, under clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 125 or under proviso to sub-section (3) of section, the case may be, to the Authority by making an application in Form IEPF 5 online available on website www.iepf.gov.in along with fee, as decided by the Authority from time to time in consultation with the Central Government, under his own signature.

Purpose of the form
The person in respect of whom any amount is transferred to the IEPF, can make an application by filing Form IEPF-5 with the IEPF authority set up by MCA that shall further process the application. IEPF authority may seek necessary clarifications from the concerned company/bank.
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Reference
New form implemented as per Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016]

Part II – Instructions to fill the eForm

Specific Instructions to fill the eForm IEPF-1 at Field Level

Instructions to fill the eForm are tabulated below at field level. Only important fields that require detailed instructions to be filled in eForm are explained. Self-explanatory fields are not discussed.

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<th>Field No.</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Instructions</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Only one Form to be filed for one financial year against one Aadhar Number and one Company. User can enter more than one claims in single form (Number of claims to be entered in field 4), <strong>failing which the form is liable to be rejected.</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Particulars of the Applicant</td>
<td>Enter Name, Address and contact details of the Applicant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Particulars of the Company from which the amount is due</td>
<td>Enter the Valid CIN of the company. You may find CIN by entering existing registration number or name of the Company in the ‘Find CIN’ service under the menu MCA Services on the MCA website. (<a href="http://www.mca.gov.in">www.mca.gov.in</a>) Click the Pre-fill button. Upon clicking the button, system shall automatically display the name, registered office address and email id of the company. In case there is any change in the email ID, you can enter the new valid email ID which would be updated in MCA records upon processing of this eForm.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Details of shares claimed</td>
<td>Enter the details of shares including folio id, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Details of Amount Claimed</td>
<td>Enter the details of amount claimed. Enter the number of claims made.</td>
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<th>5</th>
<th>Aadhar Number or Passport/OCI/PIO Card No. (in case of NRI/foreigners)</th>
<th>The number of rows under ‘Year wise details of securities/deposits for which the amount is claimed’ shall be generated based on the number of claims entered by the applicant. Enter Aadhaar Number of applicant in case of Indian National. Aadhar number should be correctly filled, <strong>failing which the form is liable to be rejected.</strong> For foreign nationals, enter OCI/PIO Card number, <strong>failing which the form is liable to be rejected.</strong></th>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Details of bank account (Aadhar linked, in case applicant is not NRI/foreigner) in which refund of claim to be made</td>
<td>User can enter more than one claims in single form. Enter bank account number, Bank name, Bank branch, Type of account and IFSC code. <strong>The Bank details should be correctly filled and corresponding with cancelled cheque enclosed, failing which the form is liable to be rejected.</strong> In case of Indian Nationals, Bank Account Number must be Aadhaar linked.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Demat Account Number</td>
<td><strong>Demat account number is mandatory to fill for the applicant claiming shares, failing which the form is liable to be rejected.</strong> Enter Demat Account Number</td>
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<td>Declaration</td>
<td>Click on check box given in declaration, after carefully reading all conditions</td>
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**Common Instructions to fill eForm**

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<td>Pre-Fill</td>
<td>The <strong>Pre-fill</strong> button can appear more than once in an eForm. The button appears next to a field that can be automatically filled using the MCA database. Click this button to populate the field. <strong>Note:</strong> You are required to be connected to the Internet to use the Prefill Functionality.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Check Form</td>
<td>1. Click the <strong>Check Form</strong> button after, filling the eForm. System</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Instruction Kit for eForm IEPF-5</strong></td>
<td>(Application to the Authority for claiming unpaid amounts and shares out of Investor Education and Protection Fund)</td>
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| **Check Form**                    | Performs form level validation like checking if all mandatory fields are filled. System displays the errors and provides you an opportunity to correct errors.  
2. Correct the highlighted errors.  
3. Click the **Check Form** button and system will perform form level validation once again. On successful validations, a message is displayed “Form level pre scrutiny is successful”.  
**Note**: The Check Form functionality does not require Internet connectivity. |
| **Modify**                        | The Modify button is enabled, after you have checked the eForm using the **Check Form** button.  
To make changes to the filled and checked form:  
1. Click the **Modify** button.  
2. Make the changes to the filled eForm.  
3. Click the **Check Form** button to check the eForm again. |
| **Pre scrutiny**                  | After checking the eForm, click the **Pre scrutiny** button. System performs some checks and displays errors, if any.  
2. Correct the errors.  
3. Click the **Pre scrutiny** button again. If there are no errors, a message is displayed “No errors found.”  
The **Pre scrutiny** functionality requires Internet Connectivity. |
| **Submit**                        | This button is disabled at present. |
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Part III - Important points for successful submission
After pre scrutiny is done the user is required to upload the form using steps as given below:

1. Go to IEPF Website (www.iepf.gov.in) and use the option form upload. You will be redirected to MCA21 for form Upload.
2. Login using your ID and Password (if existing or else register yourself by clicking on register and entering the required details).
3. After login, click on normal upload.
4. Click on Browse and attach the form. Click on Submit.
5. SRN will be generated and you will ask for payment option (Pay Now or Pay later).
6. Though Fee will be zero, but click on Pay now option only to generate the acknowledgement.
7. After clicking on Pay Now, you have to click on Finish when zero fee page will be shown. Acknowledgement will be generated.

Part IV - Process to be followed after filling the form

Steps to be followed after Form upload:
User has to send the attachments prescribed below to Nodal Officer (IEPF) of the company at its registered office in an envelope marked “claim for refund from IEPF Authority” for initiating the verification for claim

a. Print out of duly filled and uploaded claim form IEPF-5; with claimant signature and if joint holders are involved than the Form should be signed by all the joint holders
b. Copy of acknowledgement generated after uploading the claim Form IEPF-5
c. Indemnity Bond (original) with claimant signature (As per format given in Annexure II) to be executed:
   ➢ On a non-judicial Stamp Paper of the value as prescribed under the Stamp Act (According to state) if the amount of the claim is Rs.10, 000 or more. Please ensure to enter date, place and Signature of claimant and witness.
   ➢ On a plain paper if the amount claimed does not exceed Rs.10,000.
   ➢ In case of refund of shares, on a non-judicial Stamp Paper of the value as prescribed under the Stamp Act.
d. Advance Stamped receipt (original) with signature of claimant and two witnesses. (Format is given at Annexure I)
e. In case of refund of matured deposit or debenture, or bonds, or where shares (in physical form) are claimed original certificate thereto
f. Copy of Aadhaar Card of the claimant and if joint holders are there, Copy of Aadhar card of all the joint holders

g. Proof of entitlement (certificate of share/Interest warrant/dividend warrant, Application No. etc.)

h. Original Cancelled Cheque leaf

i. Copy of Passport, OCI and PIO card in case of foreigners and NRI

j. Copy of PAN Card (mandatory in case of claim for shares)

k. Client Master List of De-mat A/c of the claimant

l. In case any Joint holder is deceased, Copy of Death certificate to be attached.

m. Other optional documents, (if any)
Annexure I

**Advance Receipt**

Received from the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority the sum of Rs............... and No. of Shares ................. being the amount and shares payable to me from the Investor Education and Protection Fund as ............. (Dividend on Equity / Preference shares / matured deposits / matured debentures / application money due for refund / interest accrued on...................../Dividend credited to IEPF under Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013/ Dividend credited to General Revenue Account under Companies Act, 1956 / others, specify...........)# which was originally due from M/s...........................................................(Name of the Company)

Signature of claimant with date

| Stamp | Affix Revenue Stamp |

Signature of witness:

1. Signature with date
   Name
   Address

2. Signature with date
   Name
   Address

* Please ensure to affix Revenue Stamp with crossed Signature to avoid delay in processing of the claim

* Strike off whichever is not applicable
Annexure II

Indemnity bond

To

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority

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In consideration of the payment of Rs ................ and No. of shares.................. being the amount and shares due to me as ...................... (Dividend on Equity / Preference shares / matured deposits / matured debentures / application money due for refund /interest accrued on..................)/Dividend credited to IEPF under Companies Act, 1956 or Companies Act, 2013/ Dividend credited to General Revenue Account under Companies Act, 1956 / others, specify............)\# for the Financial Year ................ from M/s ...................................................(Name of the Company) out of the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Authority, I ...................................son /daughter /wife\# of ........................................... do hereby agree and undertake to indemnify the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority to the extent of any claim not exceeding the amount hereinbefore mentioned which may be preferred against the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, and which it has to lawfully discharge.

Signature

Date:

Place:

Witnesses:

1. Signature with date
   Name
   Address

2. Signature with date
   Name
   Address

* For ensuring timely processing of the claim, please ensure to make all the entries

# Strike off whichever is not applicable