

Financial Disclosure Filing Instructions

Updated January 2025

The Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (Ethics Act) and the Governor's Code of Conduct each require certain Commonwealth employees to annually disclose personal financial information. Generally, employees required to file financial statements must complete both forms - Ethics Statement of Financial Interests (SFI) and Code of Conduct. Employees under the Governor's jurisdiction are required to file using the filing website, <u>www.fd.state.pa.us</u>, that generates the appropriate forms for you and automatically forwards them for review. Additionally, employees of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will satisfy the financial disclosure requirements promulgated through the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Code of Conduct.

Additional filing information and resources can be accessed through the <u>general financial</u> <u>disclosure website</u>.

Filing Requirement

The requirement to file is determined based on the tasks and responsibilities of your job or your position. You are required to submit statements of financial interest 1) each year if you currently hold a designated job or position or 2) if you held a designated job or position during the previous year. The financial information to be disclosed is for the preceding calendar year.

If you held or currently hold two different designated filing positions within the same agency & filing period, you will receive notifications of the filing requirement for both positions. You only need to complete one form. The form will fulfill compliance for both positions.

You have the right to appeal the determination that your job or your position meets the policy requirements for financial disclosure filing. However, the appeal must be submitted to your agency HR office prior to your filing deadline.

Information about financial disclosure requirements or appeals, can be found on the <u>financial disclosure filing website's</u> homepage.

Filing Notification

Employees that are required to file will receive an email notification in January with details of their filing requirement. Former employees or those without email access will receive a notification letter at their primary address on file. Upon notification, you can visit the <u>general financial disclosure website</u> for more information or you can login directly to the <u>financial disclosure filing website</u>.

You must submit your annual financial disclosure statements by May 1. However, filing is required within 30 days of the position start date for any newly designated employees. Your agency HR office is required to take action, including notification to your agency head, if you do not meet the filing deadline.

Quick Login

If you have already reviewed the filing instructions and the financial disclosure filing requirements, you're ready to file online.

Current Employees

Employees with computer access are required to use the online filing website.

- Access the filing website by accessing Employee Self Service (ESS) (<u>https://www.myworkplace.pa.gov</u>)
- Scroll down to the "Personal" section
- Select the "Financial Disclosure" tile

If you cannot access ESS, you may visit the filing website directly at https://www.fd.state.pa.us to submit your disclosure.

Former Employees and Current Employees without CWOPA Accounts

Former employees and current employees without a CWOPA account who are required to file statements of financial interest should go to <u>https://www.fd.state.pa.us/FD/Instructions.aspx</u>.

Contact Information

Agency Financial Disclosure Coordinator

Each agency has a financial disclosure coordinator who is familiar with both the policies governing the requirement to file and the specific types of information that may need to be reported. Select the "Agency Coordinators" link for contact information; you can ask your agency's coordinator these types of questions:

- Why must I do this?
- What happens if I don't complete my forms?
- Do I have to disclose my spouse's income?
- Do I need to list all of my individual stocks or just the name of the brokerage firm I use?
- Where do I list [vacation home, second job, self-employment income, etc.]?
- What gifts must I disclose?
- Can I file paper forms?
- How do I appeal my requirement to file?

HR Service Center

The HR Service Center is your primary contact for any technical questions about using the financial disclosure filing website. You can contact the HR Service Center for these types of questions:

- I can't log in, what should I do?
- How do I complete each category?
- How do I submit my completed forms? How do I log out?
- I accidently created an amendment, how do I get rid of it?
- How do I print my forms?
- I forgot to disclose something, what should I do?
- I don't know who my agency financial disclosure coordinator is who should I contact?

HR Service Center*

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-5:00PM EST

Call: 866.377.2672

PA Relay: 711 Interpreter services available

* Employees of the Office of the Attorney General, Gaming Control Board, Public Utility Commission and other agencies **not** under the Governor's jurisdiction should contact their local HR office for assistance. Liquor Control Board employees may contact the HR Service Center.

Paper Forms

Employees with computer access are required to file financial interest statements electronically. Paper forms are available for your information. If you are a current employee and you do not have computer access, please contact your agency financial disclosure coordinator. Remember, designated current employees are generally required to submit both forms.

Generally, former employees are only required to file the State Ethics Commission financial interest statement the year after leaving commonwealth employment.

OA Code of Conduct Form State Ethics Commission Form

Past Forms

If forms are needed for a prior filing period, contact the HR Service Center at 866.377.2672 or your agency financial disclosure coordinator.

Financial Disclosure Appeal

If you disagree with the determination regarding your requirement to file financial disclosure statements, you can appeal this determination by completing and submitting the appeal

form to your agency HR office by your filing deadline. Please reference the policy documents page if you have any questions prior to submitting your appeal.

Financial Disclosure Appeal Form

Getting Started

The filing instructions provide detailed information to assist current employees with accessing and utilizing the financial disclosure filing website. If you have technical questions or need assistance with the website, please contact the HR Service Center at 866.377.2672.

Current Employees

Employees with CWOPA accounts and computer access are required to use the online filing website. You are encouraged to enter the filing website by first accessing Employee Self Service (<u>https://www.myworkplace.pa.gov/</u>) and then scrolling down to the "Personal" section and clicking the "Financial Disclosure" link/button. If you cannot access ESS, you may visit the filing website directly at <u>https://www.fd.state.pa.us</u> to submit your disclosure. If you are using a computer that is connected to the Commonwealth network, you will automatically be logged into the filing website using any of these options. You may occasionally be redirected to a login page similar to the screenshot below. If so, click "CWOPA users click here" to be logged into the filing website.

If you are accessing ESS or the filing website on a computer that is not connected to the Commonwealth network, you will be redirected to a separate logon page similar to the screenshot below. On this page, click the "CWOPA users click here" link.



You will then be required to login using your CWOPA username and password. This is the same username and password you use to log into your work computer. However, you must manually type "cwopa\" prior to your user name, i.e. cwopa\jdoe.

PA COMMONWEALTH of	PENNSYLVANIA	
	PA	
	Sign in with Commonwealth account	
	CWOPA\Username	
	Password	
	Sign in	
	This is an actively monitored computer system for authorized use only. Unauthorized access is prohibited. By using any Commonwealth IT Resources, including this system, the user acknowledges and agrees to comply with Management Directive 205.34 - Commonwealth of Pennsylvain Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Unauthorized or improper use of this system may result in administrative disciplinary action, and/or civil charges or criminal penalities.	
	All activity may be monitored. Authorized users should have no expectation of privacy in any files, data, or records stored on or accessed through IT Resources, nor should they have any expectation of privacy in any electronic communication sent or received via, or stored within, IT Resources. By using IT Resources, the user authorizes access to or auditing and/or monitoring of IT Resources by the Commonweight.	
	Copyright© by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All Rights Reserved.	
		© 2016 Microsoft

If you do not have a CWOPA account, follow the instructions under "Former Employees and Current Employees Without a CWOPA Account" below.

Former Employees and Current Employees without CWOPA Accounts

Former employees and current employees without a CWOPA account who are required to file statements of financial interest need to use a PALogin account or Keystone Login account and should go to https://www.fd.state.pa.us/FD/Instructions.aspx.

	ylvania human resources financial disclosure
pennsylvania PA	
Home Filing Instructions Agency Coordinators	In order to access the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's online financial disclosure filing site, please follow the instructions below. Should you have trouble logging in, please contact the HR Service Center at 866.377.2672. Current Commonwealth Employees: If you are a current commonwealth employee required to file statements of financial interest, you can log in by clicking the "Continue" button below. On the next page, click "CWOPA users click here". You will then use your CWOPA (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) user name and password to log in. Your CWOPA user name and password is the same user name and password you use to log into your work computer. However, you must manually type "cwopa\" prior to your user name. For example: User name: cwopa\jdoe If you do not have a CWOPA user name and password, please follow the instructions below for former commonwealth employees and current commonwealth employees without a CWOPA account. Former Commonwealth Employees and Current Employees Without a CWOPA Account: Former employees and current employees without CWOPA access who are required to file statements of financial interest must login with a PALogin or Keystone Login account. If you do not have a PALogin account If you do you have a pALogin account If you

If you have an existing PALogin account:

You will use that to log in. If you previously created a PALogin account and forgot your PALogin user ID and/or password, you may retrieve it by selecting this link: "Forgot Password (non cwopa accounts only)". If you already have a PALogin user ID and password, go to https://www.fd.state.pa.us/FD/Instructions.aspx and click "Continue" at the bottom of the page. On the next page, click "USER & MUSER click here".



Next, type "user\" prior to your PALogin user ID and password. , i.e. User name: user\jdoe.

PA	
Sign ir	n with organizational account
MUSER	\Username OR USER\Username
Passwo	rd
	<i></i>
	Sign in
This is an ac Unauthorize including th Managemen Technology may result in penalties.	tively monitored computer system for authorized use only. ed access is prohibited. By using any Commonwealth IT Resources, is system, the user acknowledges and agrees to comply with t Directive 205.34 - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Information Acceptable Use Policy. Unauthorized or improper use of this system n administrative disciplinary action, and/or civil charges or criminal
This is an ac Unauthorize including th Managemen Technology may result in penalties. All activity n privacy in ar nor should 1 communica Resources, t Resources b	tively monitored computer system for authorized use only. ed access is prohibited. By using any Commonwealth IT Resources, is system, the user acknowledges and agrees to comply with t Directive 205.34 - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Information Acceptable Use Policy. Unauthorized or improper use of this system n administrative disciplinary action, and/or civil charges or criminal may be monitored. Authorized users should have no expectation of ny files, data, or records stored on or accessed through IT Resources, they have any expectation of privacy in any electronic tion sent or received via, or stored within, IT Resources. By using IT the user authorizes access to or auditing and/or monitoring of IT by the Commonwealth.

If you do not already have a PALogin account:

You must create a **Keystone Login** account by selecting this link: <u>Create Account</u>. Keep this login information. Should you need to make corrections to your forms or if your forms are returned for any reason, you will need your login information to access your forms again. If you previously created a Keystone Login account and you forgot your Keystone Login username and/or password, you may retrieve it by selecting either <u>Forgot Username</u> or <u>Forgot Password</u>. Once you have created a Keystone Login account, go to <u>https://www.fd.state.pa.us/FD/Instructions.aspx</u> and click "Continue" at the bottom of the page. On the next page, click "**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Citizen Login**."



Next, enter your Keystone Login username and password.

PA	
Comn Citizer	nonwealth Of Pennsylvania - n Login
Userna	me
Passwo	rd
	Sign in
This is an ac Unauthorize including th Manageme Technology may result i	tively monitored computer system for authorized use only. Id access is prohibited. By using any Commonwealth IT Resources, is system, the user acknowledges and agrees to comply with In Directive 205.34 - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Information Acceptable Use Policy. Unauthorized or improper use of this system n administrative disciplinary action, and/or civil charges or criminal
penalties.	
penalties. All activity r privacy in a nor should communica Resources, t Resources b	may be monitored. Authorized users should have no expectation of ny files, data, or records stored on or accessed through IT Resources, they have any expectation of privacy in any electronic tion sent or received via, or stored within, IT Resources. By using IT the user authorizes access to or auditing and/or monitoring of IT y the Commonwealth.

Navigation

After your login is complete, you will be directed to the home page. You can select "Continue" or "My Forms" to open the My Forms page.

If presented with the authentication screen below, enter the requested information to link your login with your records within the filing website. Information must be entered in the formats shown to the right of each entry field. For example, personnel number must be entered as 8-digits (00123456); you must add zeros to the left of your 5 or 6 digit personnel number to make it 8 digits in length. When completed, select the "Search" button at the bottom of the screen and you will be directed to the My Forms page.

🕴 🔅 🖉 PA Financial D	Disclosure Filing Website		💁 • 🔝 🛛 👼 • 🕢 Evon • 🔘 Taolo
pen of the test	Insylvania	human resou	rces sclosure
pennsylvania P	A		
Home FAQ Filing Instruction Forms My Forms	Please enter your Com employed by the Com Search Criteria Personnel #: Date of Birth: Zip Code: Agency:	monwealth personnel number, nonwealth, and the Commonw	your date of birth, the zip code for your home address at the time you were last realth Agency at which you were last employed. (co123456) (MMCDYYYY) (S9999)
		Search Office of Administration	Privacy Policy Security Policy

As you navigate the site, the left-hand menu provides links back to the home page and to the financial disclosure frequently asked questions by selecting the "FAQ" link. You can use the "My Forms" link to return to the forms list at any time.

You also will have access to the "Attach Supporting Documentation" menu item while you are on the Statement of Financial Interest page. Select this link to provide copies of any required documents as noted in the site or as requested by your agency financial disclosure reviewer.

As you enter information into the Statement of Financial Interest page, remember to apply your changes and save your work before closing each category. Prior to submitting your forms, you can leave the site or re-open the categories as often as needed to accurately complete your statements. Once you are satisfied with your completed statements, you will select the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Entering Data

My Forms

The My Forms page lists your financial interest statements, including statements filed for previous years. You will notice the column titled "Filing Period" that defines the financial disclosure filing year. Keep in mind that forms are always filed for the **previous** calendar year.

To begin, select the "Edit" button in the row for the calendar year you would like to complete. To log out at any time, select the "Log off" button on the left.

😭 🚱 🎢 PA Financial Disclosure Filing Website 🚰 * 🔯 · 🖶 * 🔂 Page • 🌍 Tools • pennsylvania human resources financial disclosure FICE OF ADMINISTRATION pennsylvania 🕅 Home My Forms FAO Filing Instructions E Forms My Forms Select the Edit button for the appropriate filing period to complete or update your statements of financial interest. User Status Status Message Submit Date Log off Pending Nam 2011 Edit Employee Num: 2010 Amendment Name: Edit Select "Edit" to begin Employee Num: Delete Amendment your financial Name: 2010 If your forms are disclosure filing. View Conduct Employee Num: returned, comments **View Ethics** will appear in the 2010 6/30/2011 Name: Employee Num: **Mew Conduct** Status Message field. 3:26:46 PM View Ethics Office of Administration | Privacy Policy | Security Policy

My Forms Page

The My Forms page allows you to view the status of your forms:

- **Pending** your forms have not yet been submitted.
- **Submitted** your forms have been submitted by you and are awaiting review by your agency's HR and/or legal office.
- **Completed** your forms have been reviewed by your agency's HR and legal offices.
- **Returned** your forms have been returned to you for additional information. See the "Status Message" field for specific information/direction. Questions should be directed to your agency financial disclosure coordinator unless otherwise noted in the comments.
- **Amendment** the "Amend" button was selected to create an amendment. However, the amendment has not yet been submitted.
- **Amended** an amendment was submitted. Submitting an amendment changes the status of your original form for the same filing period to "Amended."

Options on the My Forms page include:

- **Edit** used to update and submit forms.
- **View Conduct** available once you submit your forms. It allows you to view and/or print your submitted Governor's Code of Conduct forms.
- **View Ethics** available once you submit your forms. It allows you to view and/or print your submitted Ethics Act forms.
- **Amend** used to change or amend a statement that has already been submitted.
- **Delete Amendment** after selecting the Amend option, you have the ability to delete the amendment if it was selected in error.

Input Screens

As you begin your financial disclosure online filing, you'll be working from the Statement of Financial Interest page, which provides links to each category required to complete the Governor's Code of Conduct and/or Ethics Act forms.

Statement of Financial Interest Page



Each category must be opened and completed before you will be able to submit your form(s), even if you don't have any information to provide. Simply select each of the category links to add, view and/or change the personal financial data requested within each category. In some cases, data from previous years may be pre-populated. If the information listed is no longer applicable, select the "Remove" button to delete the entire entry or use the "Edit" button to correct the entry. When using the "Edit" feature you must select the "Update" button to retain your corrections.

Data Entry Pages

					1. Selection Information does	ct this box if the required mation in this category not apply to you.	Save and Clos
			Real Prop	erty/Real Estate In	iterests	1	1
		This	information is releva	ant to both statements (of Financial Interests.		
2. Enter data in required. You m "Add" before sa information w saved!	each field as hust select ving or your ill not be	al residence unless i ons (leasing, purcha nvolved in transactio ble below. When finis If you hav	residence was involv sing, or condemnations with the Common shed save your data re no interests to re	ved in condemnation pro on proceedings of real e nwealth or any other go by clicking the Save but port, you must declare	ceedings. state interest) with the o vernmental body within t tton. so by checking this bog	Commonsynth or any other governmenta the Componwealth.	I body within the
Description		Irea	Robers of Interest	Date Acquired	Rane/Address from who	n acquired Hanner of acquisition	Transactions with poversmental hash/7
Shopping Hall	123 Oakhurst Bh Narrisburg, PA 17	d. 1999 Marer		01/07/2008	Jana Doe 567 Hanar Ave. Harrichum, PA 17993	Purchase	O Yes
	×	19				3. Select "Save" or "Save and Close" to	© No

- 1. If the information requested on the data input screen is not applicable to you, check the box indicating you have no interests to report.
- 2. To add a new line, enter the required data in the empty fields and select the "Add" button. You will be prompted to select "Add" prior to saving the screen.
- 3. If changes are needed to data already contained on the category input page:
 - a. Select the "Edit" or "Remove" button on the right that corresponds to the action you want to perform.
 - b. When using the edit feature, correct the data in the required field(s) and select the "Update" button to complete the edit.
- 4. Select "Save and Close" to exit the completed input screen and continue on to the next category.

Note: The "Save and Close" button will not operate if you have added data AND have selected the checkbox declaring you have no interests to report. In order to complete the category, either remove the checkbox or remove the detailed information, whichever is applicable.

Continue through each category link until all categories are marked [COMPLETE].

Supplementary Employment

If you have approved supplementary employment on file, you must complete the EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS ENTITY category. If earnings from the supplementary employment is \$1,300 or more, you will also need to complete the DIRECT AND INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME category.

Section II Complete this section based on your information for the prior calendar year. Do not include assets or interests that are SOLELY of a spouse. REAL PROPERTY/REAL ESTATE INTERESTS TRANSFERRED REAL PROPERTY/REAL ESTATE INTERESTS PERSONAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS TRANSFERRED PERSONAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS BUSINESS INTERESTS TRANSFERRED BUSINESS INTERESTS CREDITORS LIABILITIES SEVERANCE PAYMENTS EMPLOYMENT IN ANY BUSINESS ENTITY DIRECT AND INDIRECT SOURCES OF INCOME GIFTS TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY - PART I TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY - PART II FINANCIAL INTERESTS TRANSFERRED BUSINESS INTERESTS

Final Steps

Check for Accuracy

You can view your progress on either form by selecting the "Code of Conduct" or "Ethics" links at the bottom of the Statement of Financial Interest page. Select the links to review the documents for accuracy and completeness before you submit your forms.

Prior to submission (even if the record has been saved and is marked complete), if a form needs to be edited, you can do so by selecting the appropriate category and making the necessary changes. You cannot make corrections to the original statements after the forms have been submitted.

Submission

Once all sections are complete and accurate, select the "Submit" button. If the "Submit" button is grayed out or not active, review each category to ensure each one is marked "Complete." Your statements are not filed until you have submitted them. If your filing deadline passes before you submit your financial interest statements, you will be considered non-compliant.

After submission, you will be returned to the My Forms page. All forms are automatically routed to the appropriate staff. **Changes cannot be made to your submitted forms**. However, if you need to make changes or corrections, the "Amend" feature can be used to submit amended forms.



View/Save/Print Your Forms

You may view, print and/or save a copy of your Governor's Code of Conduct and/or Ethics Act forms for your records at any time.

- Prior to submitting your forms, use the links at the bottom of the Statement of Financial Interests page to view each form.
- Following your submission, go to the My Forms page and select the "View Conduct" or "View Ethics" button on the right for the appropriate filing period.

Once each form opens, select the "View/Save as PDF" link at the top left side of the page and perform a File > Save As or a File > Print.

Open Your Submitted Forms

	DF ADMINISTRATION financial disc	closure
pennsytvania	Financial Disclosure - Di	isplay Form
iew/Save as PDF (Printer-fi	riendly)	
OMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYL TD-323 Rev 11-11 ee Management Directive 205.9	VANA , Amended	Select here to print or save a copy for your records, or to
	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST	
Т	HIS FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT IS REQUIRED UNDER TH	HE
Ti	HIS FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT IS REQUIRED UNDER TH	не 🔂 • б
T Wew Form PENIS PENISYlvania PA	HIS FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT IS REQUIRED UNDER TH Sylvania OF ADMINISTRATION financial di	HE Irces sclosure
T Wew Form Pennsylvania PA	HIS FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT IS REAUIRED UNDER TH Sylvania OF ADMINISTRATION Financial Disclosure -	HE Irces sclosure Display Form
T Wiew Form Pennsylvania PA iem/Save as PDF (Printer-f	HIS FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT IS REAUIRED UNDER TH Sylvania OF ADMINISTRATION Financial di Financial Disclosure - triendly)	HE Irces sclosure Display Form
TI	ALEASE PRINT INTERESTS	HE Inces sclosure Display Form

Returned Forms

As your forms are reviewed, your agency financial disclosure coordinator or legal reviewer may return your forms to request that you correct data or provide additional information. If you are notified that your forms have been returned, open the My Forms page and select the "Edit" button for the appropriate filing period. Comments regarding your returned form will be visible in the "Status Message" field.

Correcting or Amending Forms

If you discover that you made an error or forgot to disclose relevant financial information but **your forms were not returned to you,** you can use the "Amend" button to make any necessary corrections to your previously submitted forms.

Selecting the "Amend" button creates a second record, titled Amendment, for the filing period. If you have created an Amendment record in error, you can select the "Delete Amendment" button on the right to remove the record.

To complete or update your Amendment, you must select the "Edit" button on the right side of the Amendment record. Each category must be opened and completed before you will be able to submit your amendment. Refer to the Entering Data instructions page if you need help.

Once all sections are complete and accurate, select the "Submit" button. If the "Submit" button is grayed out or not active, review each category to ensure each one is marked "Complete." Until the Amendment is submitted through the filing website, your original submission remains your statement of record.

Once the amendment is submitted, your original status will read "Amended" and your amendment status will read "Submitted" until it is reviewed. Once reviewed, the status will change to "Completed" and your new submission will become your statement of record. Your original submission will remain in the filing website as an amended record. Submitted amendments cannot be deleted, but you can add amendments if additional corrections are needed.

Policy

Commonwealth employees bear the responsibility of meeting certain standards of conduct as outlined in the <u>Governor's Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18</u>. For Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board employees, these standards are found in the <u>Pennsylvania Liquor</u> <u>Control Board Code of Conduct</u>. These policies describe those job titles and positions which are designated as required to file, notes filing procedures and reviews areas where designated employees are required to disclose personal financial information. The Office of Administration's <u>Management Directive 205.9</u> gives further details about the job duties and responsibilities that determine an employee's filing requirement. It also contains the policy, responsibilities and procedures for financial disclosure.

The State Ethics Commission's requirement for current employees to file financial interest statements is reviewed in <u>Management Directive 205.10</u>. This directive contains definitions for "public employees" and "public officials" along with the financial disclosure policy, responsibilities and procedures, including the appeal process.

The <u>2009 Ethics Act Guidance Memorandum</u> discusses the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's decision that non-profit entities are considered a business. Therefore, public officials and public employees under the Governor's jurisdiction must list non-profit entities with which they are "associated" (as that term is defined by the Ethics Act) in their annual financial disclosure statements.