

What Does Restricted Stock Mean?

Restricted stock must be traded in compliance with special SEC regulations. These regulations are outlined under Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code. Insiders are given restricted stock after merger and acquisition activity, underwriting activity, and affiliate ownership in order to prevent premature selling that might adversely affect the company. Restricted stock cannot be sold without registration with the SEC (under the Securities Act of 1933) or some other special exemption.

How is a lost stock certificate replaced?

You should report a lost certificate to Presidents Stock Transfer as soon as possible (604-876-5526), if we are the agent for the security involved. Please try to provide the certificate number and the share amount. We will place a "stop" on the certificate to prevent its transfer and provide you with paperwork required to obtain a replacement certificate. You may download the appropriate paperwork from this web site. You need to complete the Affidavit of Lost Securities and have it notarized and the Lost Security Surety Bond form. Note: Please understand that downloading this form does not constitute notification to Presidents Stock Transfer. To report a lost stock certificate you must contact us in writing at: 215-515 West Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 6H5.

How do I determine if an old security still has value?

Corporations frequently undergo changes. Name changes, acquisitions, and mergers to name a few. Your broker may be able to provide you with current information on a particular stock.

What is a "registered" shareholder?

The registered owner of shares is the shareholder of record on the books of the corporation, generally kept by the transfer agent. The registered owner may be an individual, a trust, a broker, etc.

What is a "street name" shareholder?

Securities held in a broker account and registered in the name of the broker or other institutions are referred to as being "in street name". If you keep your stock with your broker in a broker account, you are a "street name" holder and are not directly registered on the company's record file maintained by the transfer agent.

What is a "Guarantor"?

A Guarantor is a financial institution (commercial bank, broker, etc.) which is a member of a Medallion Guarantee program and guarantees that the signature on a certificate or stock power is genuine, that the person signing is the appropriate person to endorse the security and the signer has the legal capacity to do so.

What is a "Medallion Guarantee"?

A Medallion Guarantee is a stamp and signature on a stock certificate or stock power. A Medallion Guarantee is obtained from an eligible institution, such as a commercial bank, broker, trust company, etc. It provides transfer agents assurance that the person signing a stock certificate or stock power is the authorized individual.

What is a "Transferee"?

The Transferee is the new registered owner of shares. Typically, the transferee will be identified in the Assignment section of a stock certificate or on a stock power which accompanies stock submitted for transfer.

How can I get my stock transferred?

If you hold certificates you wish to transfer, you must send your certificates to Presidents Stock Transfer. The certificates must be appropriately signed by all registered holders, exactly as the names appear on the face of the certificate or must be accompanied by a stock power bearing the appropriate signatures. In either case, the signatures must be guaranteed by a financial institution participating in an officially recognized Medallion Signature Guarantee Program. Additionally, instructions indicating how you wish the shares transferred must also be included. These instructions should provide the name, address for each transferee and should indicate the number of shares to be transferred along with the required payment

What are the more common types of security registrations?

Individual Registration - This registration gives sole ownership to the single individual and requires that the person's legal name be used.

Joint Tenants With Rights Of Survivorship - This registration is used when two or more individuals have equal claim to the assets. Should one of the parties die, ownership of the assets passes to the surviving tenants.

Joint Ten Tenants In Common - This registration allows an appropriate portion of the assets to pass to the estate of the holder upon the holder's death rather than to the surviving tenant.

Custodial Registration - A custodial registration requires the names of the custodian and the beneficial owner who is a minor.

How are shares transferred to an individual or joint tenant?

To transfer shares for which we are an agent to an individual or a joint tenant, provide Presidents Stock Transfer with the following: The certificate which must be properly endorsed by the registered owner or accompanied by a properly endorsed stock power -Medallion Signature Guarantee. A letter of instruction which provides the full name, address and mailing information with courier info and the correct payment.

How are shares transferred out of a decedent's name?

To transfer the shares of a decedent, provide Presidents Stock Transfer with the following: the certificate which should be properly endorsed by the legal representative of the estate, e.g., Executor or Administrator, etc. of the deceased owner in his or her legal capacity or a stock power so endorsed. The endorsement should be guaranteed with a Medallion Signature Guarantee. A letter of instruction which provides the full name, address, along with courier instruction and payment. A court certified copy of the appointment of the decedent's legal representative. These are often referred to as Letters Testamentary or Letters of Administration.

How is a custodial registration changed?

To add or remove a name on a security held in custodial registration, provide Presidents Stock Transfer with the following: The certificate which must be properly endorsed by the current custodian, if still living, or if the minor is now of age. A certified copy of his/her birth certificate must be provided, if the former minor signs. The endorsement should be guaranteed by an eligible institution with a Medallion Signature Guarantee. Presidents Stock Transfer also requires a letter of instruction indicating the full name, SSN, EIN or SIN#, phone number, address with courier instruction and payment.