

Step-by-Step Guide on How to Open a Trading Account :

Opening a trading account online opens up a host of investing possibilities. You can open a trading account in a few simple steps:

- In the first step, choose a brokerage firm to open a trading account after conducting a thorough research. Take the various charges levied by brokerages, the interface of the trading platform and the value-added services into account before finalising a brokerage firm.
- After selecting a broker, enquire about the trading account opening procedure. The brokerage will require you to fill up an account opening form and a Know Your Customer (KYC) form. A representative from the brokerage firm will assist you with the process. Brokerages offer a only Trading account or Demat-cum-trading account as a Demat account is mandatory to store the securities.
- You will also have to submit identity proof, residence proof and in some cases proof of income. A photocopy of the Aadhar card or passport, besides several other documents, can be used as proof of residence and a copy of an Aadhar card or PAN card can be used as identity proof. The PAN card is compulsory to open a trading account. You will also have to submit bank details, cancelled cheque, bank statement etc. If you are opting to open only trading account than CML report of your demat account is also required.
- Post submission of the documents, the brokerage will conduct a manual KYC verification. A representative may visit your house to verify the documents or an online verification will be conducted. If you do not want to manually verify the documents, you can opt for the e-KYC process. For the e-KYC process, your PAN card should be linked to the Aadhar card and your bank account. The mobile number submitted in the account opening form should be the same as the Aadhar card for the e-KYC process.
- It generally takes 1-3 days to activate the trading account after the completion of the verification process.

