Online beneficiary designation reference



Overview

The beneficiary designation process is for US participants only and can be completed on <u>etrade.com</u>. The beneficiary designation process is associated with the Transfer on Death designation that allows for US participants to transfer assets to their beneficiaries upon the account holders death. For non-US participants, please refer to the estate laws for your country.



What is a beneficiary?

A beneficiary is a person or other legal entity who receives money or other benefits from a benefactor. With regards to your E*TRADE accounts, this is the person or legal entity to whom your E*TRADE assets will be transferred upon your passing, pending any obligations or other legal factors that would restrict the transfer.



Why should I designate a beneficiary?

The transfer on death registration can make your estate administration quicker and less expensive. Upon your death, the beneficiary (or beneficiaries) you designate would work with E*TRADE personnel to have the assets transferred to them.



Can I designate a beneficiary for my stock plan account(s) and any other brokerage accounts?

Yes. You can designate a beneficiary (or beneficiaries) for your stock plan and any other brokerage account(s) but it needs to be done separately for each account1. Designating a beneficiary for one account does NOT automatically apply that designation to your other account(s).



Can I add a beneficiary to a joint account through the online process?

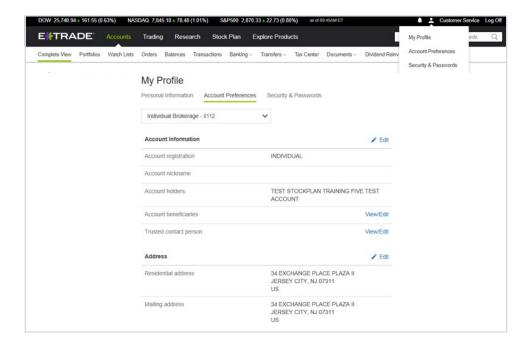
No, a beneficiary (or beneficiaries) can only be added to an *individual account* through the online process. If you would like to add a beneficiary to a joint account (which can only be done for Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship accounts), please use the <u>TOD Registration Request</u> Form and note that signatures from both account owners are necessary to complete the process. If you have any questions, call customer service at 800-838-0908.

1. Stock plan accounts and their "Companion" retail brokerage accounts are viewed as one account and therefore a beneficiary (or beneficiaries) can be assigned to both at the same time.

Steps to designating your beneficiary

Step 1: Log on with your user ID and password to etrade.com.

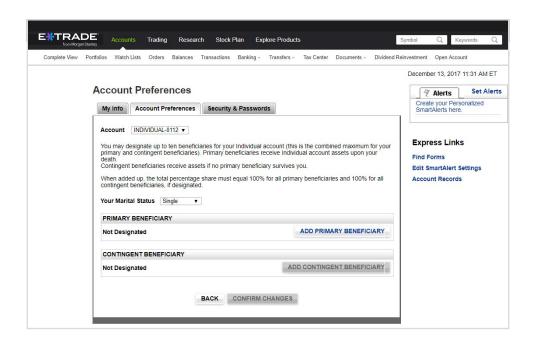
Step 2: Navigate to My Profile under the user icon at the top right of your screen.



Step 3: Click on Account Preferences under My Profile.

Step 4: Click View/Edit next to Account Beneficiary.

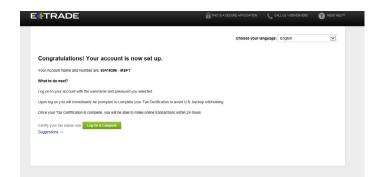
Step 5: Select the account to which you would like to add a beneficiary, indicate your marital status, and click on Add Primary Beneficiary under the Primary Beneficiary field.

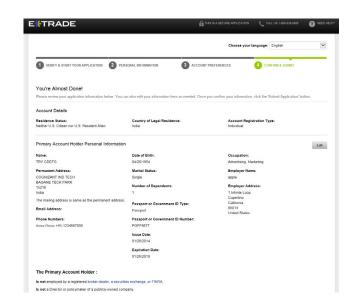


Enter your information

Step 5: You're almost done! The Confirm and Submit page shows details of the information you entered. Review the following information and confirm to complete the activation process:

- Account details
- Primary account holder personal information
- Paperless options
- Stock Plan account agreement





Setup complete! Your account is now setup and ready to use. Click the 'Log On & Complete' button to get started.

Any questions?

Contact us at 800-838-0908 24 hours a day, weekdays (from outside the US, visit <u>etrade.com/contact</u> for your country's toll-free number).

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