


Securities Commission of The Bahamas	
CFDs Reduced Quarterly Activity Fee Policy	
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## 1. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

1.1 “**relevant legislation**” – the Securities Industry Act, 2011 (the “SIA”), the Securities Industry (Contracts for Differences) Rules, 2020 (the “CFD Rules”), and the Securities Industry (Fees)(Amendment) Rules, 2020 (the “Fees Rules”).

1.2 “**CFD registrants**” – firms conducting CFD business, pursuant to the CFD Rules, and registered with the Commission (“CFD registrants”).

## 2. APPLICABILITY & SCOPE

2.1 This policy applies to –

- (a) persons licensed or registered pursuant to the relevant legislation; and
- (b) all CFD activity fees billed since May 2020.

## 3. COMMENCEMENT DATE

3.1 This policy commenced 2 November 2020.

## 4. AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE FEES

4.1 The Securities Commission of The Bahamas (“the Commission”) is empowered to regulate and maintain surveillance over the capital markets and its participants (SIA s. 12 – s.13).

4.2 In exercising its powers pursuant to the relevant legislation, the Commission may prescribe the fees payable to the Commission by rules for any function performed by the Commission or required under securities law. (SIA s. 22(1)).

## 5. FEES PAYABLE

5.1 Except where exempted or reduced by the Commission, the quarterly activity fee payable to the Commission pursuant to the Fees Rules shall be \$45,000, for all CFD registrants. In accordance with its responsibilities and authority, this document sets out the Commission’s quarterly activity fee schedule for CFD firms, whose gross CFD trading revenue for the previous quarter is below \$10 million.

5.2 Where a CFD firm's gross trading revenue is below \$10 million, the CFD firm shall pay the reduced amount specified in section 6.1 of this policy. The reduced quarterly fee will automatically apply commensurate with the previous quarter's gross trading revenue.

## 6. QUARTERLY ACTIVITY FEE SCHEDULE

6.1 The Commission's policy with respect to the reduction or exemption of the quarterly activity fee is to apply the schedule as follows:

Tier (Gross Trading Revenue) \$USD	Quarterly Activity Fee
Tier 1: \$0 to \$100,000	\$0
Tier 2: \$100,001 to \$300,000	\$5,000
Tier 3: \$300,001 to \$1,000,000	\$15,000
Tier 4: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$30,000