

# Unlocking Access to Public Markets: Regulator brings Relaxation to Minimum Public Offer and Shareholding Rules

## Securities Contracts( Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026

### What is the change?

1. Relaxed criteria w.r.t. Minimum Public Offer (MPO)
2. Extended timelines for meeting Minimum Public Shareholding(MPS)
3. Expected to provide ease to larger companies in bringing IPO and getting listed

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### \* **Applicability of the revised extended timeline?**

- Issuers within permissible period for meeting the existing MPS requirements
- Issuers which are non-compliant with the MPS requirements as per existing timeline (within the prescribed timeline)

Post-Issue Market Capital ("X")	Earlier MPO requirements	Revised MPO requirements	Earlier timeline to achieve MPS (25% of X)	Revised timeline to achieve Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS)
$X \leq 1,600$ crs	25% of X	25% of X	-	No change
$1,600 \text{ crs} < X < 4,000$ crs	400 crs	400 crs	within 3 years from the date of listing	No change
$4,000 \text{ crs} < X \leq 50,000$ crs	10% of X	10% of X		No change
<b><math>50,000 \text{ crs} &lt; X \leq 1,00,000</math> crs</b>		<b>1000 crs + 8% of X</b>	<b>5 years</b> from the date of listing	
$1,00,000 \text{ crs} < X \leq 5,00,000$ crs	5000 cr + 5% of X	<b>6250 crs + 2.75% of X</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% of X - within 2 years from the date of listing</li> <li>• 25% of X - within 5 years from the date of listing</li> </ul>	If Public Shareholding < 15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15% within 5 years</b> from listing date.</li> <li>• <b>25% within 10 years</b> from listing date.</li> </ul>
$X > 5,00,000$ crs		<b>15000 crs + 1% of X</b>		If Public Shareholding > 15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% within 5 years from listing date</li> </ul>

**MPO** : min % of the issue size required to be offered by the company to the public at the time of IPO

vs

**MPS** : min % of the post-issue capital required to be maintained by the company with the public on a continuous basis (i.e. **25%** )

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