Investment Offer Verification Checklist

Prompts independent checks **before** sending funds to any online opportunity. Not investment advice.

Keep it safe

Do **not** enter account logins, wallet keys, or passwords here. This form is for your notes and checks only.

Date	
Name of offer, platform or person	
How did they contact me?	
Promised return	
Amount they want	

Red flags (tick any that apply)

- ☐ They contacted me first (text, social media, dating app, wrong-number chat).
- ☐ Guaranteed, “risk-free” or unusually high returns.
- ☐ Pressure to act quickly or “before the window closes”.
- ☐ They want crypto, wire or gift cards, or want me to move to a private chat app.
- ☐ I can’t find who owns the company or where it is located.
- ☐ I’m shown screenshots of gains but cannot withdraw my own money.
- ☐ They ask for more money to “unlock”, “verify” or pay “taxes” on my returns.

Checks I will do independently

- ☐ **Canada:** is the firm or person registered? Search the Canadian Securities Administrators’ National Registration Search at **aretheyregistered.ca**.
- ☐ **U.S.:** check FINRA BrokerCheck (**brokercheck.finra.org**) and the SEC adviser search (**adviserinfo.sec.gov**).
- ☐ Search the company name with “warning”, “scam” and “regulator” using sources I find myself.
- ☐ Ask for written documents; read the fine print about withdrawals and fees.
- ☐ Call the company on a number from a source I trust, not the one they gave.
- ☐ Talk to a second family member, accountant or licensed advisor before any transfer.

Decision

- ☐ Not sending — red flags found
- ☐ Waiting 7 days and consulting a licensed professional
- ☐ Reported suspected fraud (FRG1-18)

Registration is only a first check — it does not guarantee that an investment is suitable or safe, and a scammer may falsely claim a registered firm’s name. Always contact the registered firm yourself.

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