

SME Migration to Main Board Eligibility

BSE SME Migration Criteria



Financial Requirements

- Paid up capital $\geq$ Rs 10 crores
- Market Cap $\geq$ Rs 100 crores or Revenue $\geq$ Rs 100 crores
- Average EBITDA Rs 15 crores (last 3 years)
- Networth Rs 1 crore (last 3 years)
- Net Tangible Assets Rs 3 crores



Market Liquidity (6 Months)

- Trading on 80% of days
- At least 5% equity shares traded
- Minimum avg daily turnover Rs 10 Lakhs
- Minimum avg daily trades 50



Shareholding & Listing

- Listed for 3 years
- Minimum 1000 Public Shareholders
- Minimum 20% Promoter holding
- 6 months Promoter lock-in
- 100% Demat Promoter holding



NSE SME Migration Criteria



Financial Parameters

- Paid up capital Rs 10 crores
- Average Market Cap Rs 100 crores
- Revenue $\geq$ Rs 100 crores last FY
- Net worth Rs 75 crores



Operations & Profitability

- Positive operating profit 2 of last 3 years
- 3 years listing on SME platform



Shareholding

- Minimum 500 Public Shareholders
- Minimum 20% Promoter holding
- Promoter holding $\geq$ 50% of listing date levels



General Regulatory & Compliance



Legal & Surveillance

- No SEBI debarment
- No Wilful Defaulter or Fraudulent Borrower
- No fugitive economic offender
- No NCLT/IBC winding up proceedings
- 2 months cooling from surveillance (T+0-T/ASM/GSM)



Compliance & Conduct

- No pending SCORES investor complaints
- No defaults on bonds/deb/FD
- 3 years business consistency
- No audit qualifications on going concern
- Compliance with SEBI LODR Regulations



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FAQs



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Categories



Effective
1 March 2026



Based on
BSE Circular



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1 CAPITAL & FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- Q1** Objective of eligibility criteria?
To prescribe conditions for SME migration to Main Board and direct listing.
- Q2** From when are these provisions applicable?
Effective from 1 March 2026.
- Q3** What is the minimum paid-up capital?
At least ₹10 crore.
- Q4** What is the minimum market capitalization?
Average of ₹100 crore during the preceding six months.
- Q5** What is the market capitalization requirement for direct listing?
Average of ₹1,000 crore during the preceding six months.
- Q6** Is there an alternative to market capitalization requirement?
Yes. Revenue from operations of ₹100 crore or more in each of the preceding 3 years.
- Q7** What market liquidity condition must be satisfied?
At least 5% of weighted average listed equity shares traded in 6 months.
- Q8** How many trading days are required?
Trading on at least 80% of the trading days in 6 months.
- Q9** What is the minimum average daily turnover?
Minimum average daily turnover should be ₹10 lakh.
- Q10** What is the minimum daily turnover?
At least ₹5 lakh per trading day.



2 MARKET PERFORMANCE

- Q11** What is the required average number of daily trades?
Minimum average of 50 trades per day.
- Q12** What is the minimum daily number of trades?
At least 25 trades per day.
- Q13** How is average turnover calculated?
Total turnover on traded days divided by total number of trading days in 6 months.
- Q14** What is the EBITDA requirement?
Average EBITDA of ₹15 crore over the preceding 3 years.
- Q15** Is profit required in every year?
Yes. Operating profit must exist in each of the 3 years.
- Q16** What is the minimum EBITDA in each year?
At least ₹10 crore in each of the preceding 3 years.
- Q17** What if the name has changed recently?
At least 50% of revenue in the previous year from business indicated by new name.
- Q18** What is the minimum net worth requirement?
₹1 crore in each of the preceding 3 years.
- Q19** What is the minimum net tangible assets requirement?
At least ₹3 crore in each of the preceding 3 years.
- Q20** Can monetary assets exceed 50% of net tangible assets?
Yes, if excess is utilised or committed for business/project purpose.



3 PROMOTERS & SHAREHOLDING

- Q21** What promoter holding is required?
Minimum 20% at the time of application.
- Q22** Can promoter group holding be considered?
Yes. Promoter group holding may be considered for any shortfall.
- Q23** Are there exceptions to promoter holding requirements?
Yes, in case of diversified holdings or no identifiable promoters.
- Q24** What is the lock-in period for promoters?
6 months from the date of listing on BSE.
- Q25** Are there exemptions from lock-in?
Yes, for companies already listed on recognized exchanges with nationwide trading terminals.
- Q26** Is an active SEBI debarment order allowed?
No.
- Q27** Can wilful defaulters migrate?
No.
- Q28** Can fraudulent borrowers migrate?
No.
- Q29** Can fugitive economic offenders be associated?
No.
- Q30** Can a company under CIRP or winding-up proceedings apply?
No.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Meet capital & financial thresholds and market performance criteria.
- ✓ Ensure strong liquidity and trading consistency.
- ✓ Maintain minimum promoter holding and lock-in compliance.
- ✓ Comply with all regulatory requirements (LODR, ASM, GSM, CIRP, etc.).
- ✓ Maintain clean compliance track record for 3 years.
- ✓ Ensure proper documentation and governance.

SME TO MAIN BOARD MIGRATION PROCESS



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Eligibility
Review



Merchant
Banker Due
Diligence



Application
to BSE



Exchange
Review



Migration
Approval

All conditions must be fulfilled on the date of filing the application and continue till migration.



EFFECTIVE FROM 1 MARCH 2026



4 REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- Q31** Is suspended for LODR non-compliance?
No, if suspended during last 12 months for such reasons.
- Q32** Must promoter shareholding be in demat form?
Yes, 100% must be in dematerialized form.
- Q33** How many years of LODR compliance are required?
A clean compliance track record of 3 years.
- Q34** Can pending LODR non-compliances exist?
No.
- Q35** How long should company be listed?
Minimum 3 years.
- Q36** What is the minimum number of public shareholders?
1,000 public shareholders.
- Q37** Can a company with default in bonds or deposits migrate?
No.
- Q38** Is a certificate regarding IPO proceeds required?
Yes, from CRA and/or Statutory Auditor, where applicable.
- Q39** Can companies under ASM, GSM or ESM apply?
No.
- Q40** Is there a cooling-off period after surveillance measures?
Yes, 2 months after exiting T-To-T/GSM/ASM surveillance.



5 DOCUMENTATION & GOVERNANCE

- Q41** Are pending SCORES complaints allowed?
No.
- Q42** What is meant by business consistency?
Same line of business should continue for 3 years.
- Q43** What is the minimum revenue from continuing business?
At least 50% of operational revenue.
- Q44** Are audit qualifications permitted?
Material going concern or financial implication qualifications should not continue at the time of application.
- Q45** On what basis are financial figures calculated?
On a restated consolidated basis, wherever prescribed.

KEY DOCUMENTS / CERTIFICATES

- ✓ Merchant Banker Certificate
- ✓ Auditor Certificate
- ✓ Company Secretary Certificate
- ✓ Board Resolution
- ✓ Compliance Certificate
- ✓ Any other exchange specific requirement



6 BUSINESS PERFORMANCE & FINAL REVIEW

- Q46** Which regulation governs undefined terms?
SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018.
- Q47** Is satisfying only one eligibility criterion sufficient?
No. All applicable conditions must be fulfilled unless exempted.
- Q48** Who should verify compliance before filing?
Company Secretary, Compliance Officer, Statutory Auditor and Merchant Banker.
- Q49** What are major compliance risks before migration?
Market cap, liquidity, promoter holding, regulatory actions, LODR compliance, surveillance, investor complaints.
- Q50** What before submission of migration application?
Conduct eligibility review, obtain certifications, rectify non-compliances and ensure all conditions are satisfied before filing.

APPLICABLE FRAMEWORK

- BSE Circular – Eligibility Criteria for SME Migration to Main Board (1 March 2026)
- SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018
- SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015
- Companies Act, 2013

NOTE

- ✓ All criteria must be satisfied continuously.
- ✓ Any non-compliance may lead to rejection / delisting action.
- ✓ This guide is for educational and information purpose only.
- ✓ Please refer to the BSE circular for complete details and updated requirements.



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NSE SME TO MAIN BOARD MIGRATION

50 COMPLIANCE FAQs – REVISED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (ANNEXURE I)

SHEET 1 OF 2 (FAQs 1–25)

1 CAPITAL & MARKET CAPITALISATION (1–5)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the minimum paid-up equity capital?	₹10 Crore
2	Is paid-up capital alone sufficient?	No, all conditions apply
3	What is the minimum average market cap?	₹100 Crore
4	How is market capitalization calculated?	Avg. weekly high & low x post-issue shares
5	Which period is considered for market cap?	Last 3 months

2 REVENUE & EBITDA (6–10)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
6	What is the minimum revenue requirement?	> ₹100 Crore (last FY)
7	Which revenue is considered?	Only revenue from operations
8	Is other income considered?	No
9	What EBITDA condition is applicable?	Positive operating profit in 2 of last 3 FYs
10	Can a company with one profitable year qualify?	No

3 LISTING & SHAREHOLDERS (11–15)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
11	How long should it be listed on NSE SME?	Minimum 3 years
12	Is continuous listing required?	Yes, minimum 3 years
13	What is the minimum public shareholders?	At least 500
14	On which date is shareholder count verified?	Date of application
15	Is public holding required?	Yes, at least 500 shareholders

4 PROMOTER HOLDING (16–20)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
16	What minimum promoter holding is required?	At least 20%
17	Can promoter holding fall below 20%?	No
18	Is historical promoter holding examined?	Yes
19	What historical holding should be maintained?	≥50% of holding on SME listing date
20	Why is promoter holding important?	Ensures promoter commitment

5 OTHER LISTING CONDITIONS (21–25)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
21	What other listing conditions exist?	See points 22–25
22	No insolvency proceedings admitted?	Not allowed
23	No admitted winding-up petition?	Not allowed (NCLT/IBC)
24	Net worth requirement?	At least ₹75 Crore
25	Any material regulatory action in last 3 years?	None allowed

6 REGULATORY & GOVERNANCE (26–30)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
26	No suspension of trading in past 3 years?	Yes
27	No SEBI debarment for company/promoter?	Not allowed
28	No debarment of subsidiaries?	Not allowed
29	No director disqualification?	Not allowed
30	Disqualification by any authority?	Not allowed

MIGRATION ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

₹	Paid-up Capital ≥ ₹10 Crore	Bar Chart	Market Capitalisation ≥ ₹100 Crore
Bar Chart	Revenue (Last FY) > ₹100 Crore	Bar Chart	Positive EBITDA (2 of Last 3 FYs)
Calendar	Listed on SME ≥ 3 Years	Group of People	Public Shareholders ≥ 500
Handshake	Promoter Holding ≥ 20%	Shield	Promoter Retention ≥ 50% of Original Holding
Bank Building	Net Worth ≥ ₹75 Crore	Gavel	No IBC / NCLT Proceedings No Winding-Up Petition
Checkmark	No SEBI Debarment No Director Disqualification	Speech Bubble	No Pending SCORES Complaints
Document	No Default to Debenture / Fixed Deposit Holders	Clock	Cooling Period 2 Months



IMPORTANT NOTE

All eligibility criteria must be fulfilled at the time of application. NSE reserves the right to reject an application for any reason as deemed fit.



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50 COMPLIANCE FAQs – REVISED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (ANNEXURE I)

SHEET 2 OF 2 (FAQs 26–50)

7 INVESTOR & COMPLAINTS (31–35)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
31	No pending investor complaints in SCORES?	None allowed
32	What is SCORES?	SEBI Complaint Redress System
33	Why is it important?	Ensures investor protection
34	Can there be pending complaints?	No
35	Any other investor-related condition?	No pending grievances

8 TRADE-TO-TRADE & DEFAULT CONDITIONS (36–40)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
36	Cooling period requirement?	2 months
37	Why cooling period?	Ensures stable trading
38	Applies if other exchange imposed surveillance?	Yes
39	Default to debenture holders allowed?	No
40	Includes interest and principal?	Yes

9 APPLICANT & SUBSIDIARY COVERAGE (41–45)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
41	Includes debenture/FD holders?	Yes
42	Applies to subsidiaries?	Yes
43	Can NSE reject application even if submitted?	Yes
44	Can incomplete application be rejected?	Yes
45	Can NSE seek additional information?	Yes

10 NSE DISCRETION & REJECTION GROUNDS (46–50)

No.	QUESTION	ANSWER
46	Incorrect information consequences?	NSE may reject
47	Does NSE have discretionary power?	Yes, for any reason
48	Is meeting financial criteria enough?	No, all conditions must be met
49	What should companies do before applying?	Due diligence & compliance
50	Key takeaway?	Strong financials + Compliance + Governance + Shareholder Strength = Successful Migration

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTES (CRITERIA SUMMARY)



Insolvency & Winding-up

No proceedings admitted under IBC against Applicant or Promoting Company.



Net Worth

Net worth of the company should be at least ₹75 Crore.



Regulatory Actions

No material regulatory action in the past 3 years like suspension of trading.



Debarment

No debarment of Company/Promoter/ Subsidiary by SEBI.



Director Disqualification

No disqualification/debarment of director by any regulatory authority.



SCORES Complaints

No pending investor complaints in SCORES.



Cooling Period

Two months cooling period after exiting Trade-to-Trade or surveillance category.



No Default

No default in payment of interest and/or principal to debenture/bond/FD holders.

NSE MAY REJECT APPLICATION ON FOLLOWING GROUNDS



1 Applicant does not conform to eligibility requirements.



2 Application incomplete and/or not conforming to requirements.



3 Does not contain additional information as required by NSE.



4 Application is false and/or misleading in any manner.



5 Any other reason as NSE may deem fit.

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Financial Strength



Investor Confidence



Sustainable Growth

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