

# CDSL Ventures Limited

## Accredited Investors Accreditation (CVL AIA)



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#### Who is an Accredited Investor?

An Accredited Investor ("AI") is an investor who meets the requirements set out by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide Circular number SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I/DF9/P/CIR/2021/620 dated August 26, 2021 and circular SEBI/Ho/AFD/PoD1/CIR/2023/189 dated December 18, 2023 on Simplification of requirements for grant of accreditation to investors and has obtained a certificate as an 'Accredited Investor' from an Accredited Agency recognized by Securities and Exchange Board of India.

#### Who can be an Accredited Investor?

Any investor who meets any one of the qualifying criteria set out by SEBI in Circular SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I/DF9/P/CIR/2021/620 dated August 26, 2021, and SEBI/Ho/AFD/PoD1/CIR/2023/189 dated December 18, 2023 and has opted in to be treated as an Accredited Investor.

#### Why become an Accredited Investor?

An Accredited Investor generally has access to a wider range of financial products and services. These include restricted products like structured notes, equity linked notes and selected bonds.

Accredited Investors are assumed to be better informed, better able to access resources to protect their own interests, and therefore, would require less regulatory protection. Investors who agree to be treated as Accredited Investors therefore forgo the benefit of certain regulatory safeguards.

#### How can an investor (who meets the eligibility criteria) become an AI?

- Prospective AI makes an application online on Accredited Investor Agency (CDSL Ventures Limited) portal on [aia.cvlindia.com](http://aia.cvlindia.com) along with the required documents.
- AIA verifies the application and supporting documents and checks if they are found to be in order.
- If the application is approved, the CVL issues an Accreditation Certificate (AC), with a unique Accreditation Number (AN) and validity.

#### What is the validity of an accreditation certificate?

- If the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for preceding one financial year, the accreditation certificate issued shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance
- If the applicant meets the eligibility criteria in each of the preceding two financial years, the accreditation certificate issued shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance.

### **Why should an Investor go for Accredited Investor certificate?**

The investor would enjoy the following benefits.

- Global reach
- Wide range of financial products and services.
- Probability of High returns and light regulatory norms.

### **Do I have to be based in India to register with CDSL Ventures Limited (Accreditation Agency)?**

Not at all, you can register as an Accredited Investor from countries other than India as well.

### **Do I need to pay fees to sign up as an investor with CDSL Ventures Limited?**

There is absolutely no fees associated for registering with us. However, there will be fees payable when you apply for an accreditation certificate.