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Enhanced U4 Recap

- An enhanced data collection experience for the U4 was deployed to FINRA Gateway last year
 - October 31, 2020 Initial and Amendment filing types available
 - November 21, 2020 All other filing types available
 - Announcements and FAQs: <u>https://www.finra.org/registration-exams-ce/classic-crd/registration-filing-finra-gateway</u>

• The FINRA Gateway experience offers numerous usability enhancements

- o Improved on-screen data layout that groups similar sections together
- o Better lookups, logic and validations to ensure more accurate data
- Integrated interpretive guidance from FINRA.org
- Streamlined rep collaboration using FinPro
- Enhanced U4 experience initially available alongside Classic CRD U4 experience
 - o Firms currently have the option to create filings in FINRA Gateway or Classic CRD
 - Location of draft filings and rep edits flow differ according to the experience selected
- No impacts to Web EFT

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Latest Features

- In response to user feedback, additional features were added to the FINRA Gateway U4 experience on January 23, 2021
 - o Ability to print-by-section
 - Ability to highlight changes from the previous filing
 - o Improved branch lookup design
 - More intuitive flow for individuals to let the firm know they have finished their edits in FinPro
 - o Other bug fixes
- Keep up with changes by viewing the FINRA Gateway release notes
 - o <u>https://www.finra.org/filing-reporting/finra-gateway/release-notes</u>
- Access tutorials within FINRA Gateway
 - o Click the "How can we help?" tab in the lower-right and search for "U4"

Demo

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Classic U4 Retirement

- The Classic CRD U4 experience will be retired on April 5, 2021
 - o Users will no longer be able to create, resume or submit U4 filings in CRD after this date
 - The separate registered rep site that utilizes the reference number will also be retired
 - o <u>All other Classic CRD functionality will remain available</u>
- All pending U4 filings in Classic CRD must be submitted prior to April 5
 - Any U4 filings still pending in Classic CRD on April 5 will be deleted and cannot be recovered
 - o U4 drafts in FINRA Gateway are not impacted
- Beginning April 5, all online U4 filings must use the enhanced U4 experience
 - o Users must create, resume and submit all online U4 filings within FINRA Gateway
 - All rep collaboration must utilize FinPro
- o Automated U4 uploads via Web EFT will remain available

Registration Filing Milestones



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Webinar recordings: finra.org/webinars

- FINRA Gateway
- Registration Systems
- FinPro

FINRA Gateway rollout: finra.org/finra-gateway

- Key Dates
- FAQs
- Release Notes
- User Research

Registration and Testing email list: tools.finra.org/email_subscriptions

- Invitations to future webinars
- CRD program announcements
- Feedback opportunities

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