

PHILLIP NOVA BONDS (Retail and SGS) FAQs

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General

What bonds can I trade through Phillip Nova?

You may trade Retail and Singapore Government Securities (SBS) Bonds through Phillip Nova.

What is the minimum age to trade Retail Bonds?

You can open an account with Phillip Nova to trade Retail and SGS Bonds if you are 18 years old and above.

What is the minimum age to trade Singapore Government Securities (SGS) Bonds?

You can open an account with Phillip Nova to trade SGS Bonds if you are 18 years old and above.

Will I need a CDP account to trade bonds on SGX through Phillip Nova?

Phillip Nova offers a pre-paid custodian account to make your trading seamless. You do not need to open a CDP account. Phillip Nova will act as custodian of assets for your bonds purchased with us.

Do I require any qualifications before I can commence trading in Retail or SGS Bonds?

You do not require specific qualifications to commence trading in bonds that are listed as Excluded Investment Product (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products).

However, investors ought to be aware of the risks associated with trading bonds.

Risks involved with bonds trading may be found in, but not limited to our:

- 1) Product Information Sheet
- 2) Risk Warning Statement
- 3) Customer Trading Agreement
- 4) Phillip Nova T&Cs



Are my bonds under custody of Phillip Nova safe and secured?

Phillip Nova is a licensed broker with Capital Market Services (CMS) License issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). All bonds and assets held in our custody are subjected to section 104 of Securities and Futures Act (SFA) and the provision of Securities and Futures regulations (SFR) where your assets are kept in a segregated custody accounts and in trust, separate from the company's account. There is strict review and reconciliation process to ensure our customer assets are well accounted for.

Do I have to pay tax on interest payments/coupons?

There will be no withholding tax on interest payments/coupons for retail and SGS Bonds listed on SGX.

I am new to Phillip Nova, how can I learn about the platform?

Follow these links to view the respective user guides for the Phillip Nova platform:

- [Desktop User Guide](#)
- [Mobile User Guide](#)

I am an existing client with Phillip Securities, will my bonds held with Phillip Securities be reflected on my trading platform with Phillip Nova?

Phillip Securities and Phillip Nova are two separate entities and so are the trading accounts/platforms. Your bonds portfolio held with Phillip Securities will not be reflected on Phillip Nova.

Trading Bonds

How do I select bonds to be included in my Watchlist on the Nova trading platform?

You may login to your Nova account and follow the steps below to place an order for SGX Retail and SGS Bonds:

Website: In your Watchlist, click *Add > Stocks > SGXT* > Select the bond from the list of contracts or key in the symbol or name of the bond

Mobile: In your Watchlist, select the “+” symbol > *Stocks > SGXT* > Select the bond from the list of contracts or key in the symbol or name of the bond

What is the minimum investment amount to buy?

Retail and SGS Bonds are accessible to the retail market in board lot sizes of either 10, 100 or 1000 units.

Click [here](#) for a list of Retail and SGS Bonds listed on SGX.

Do I have to pay for accrued interest on Retail and SGS Bonds?

Accrued interest is paid to the seller of the bond to compensate for the loss of the expected coupon to be received. Retail and SGS Bonds listed on SGX are quoted on a ‘dirty’ basis which already includes any accrued interest.

How do I calculate gains and losses on my bond investments?

Click [here](#) for case studies on Retail Bonds calculations.

Click [here](#) for case studies on SGS Bonds calculations.

When do I have to pay for the bonds purchased?

The Phillip Nova account used for bonds trading is a pre-paid cash account. You may purchase any bonds listed on Nova with the available funds in your account.

Must I make payment of the bond in its underlying currency?

You can purchase bonds as long as there is sufficient equivalent balance in your account equity.

However, please note that you may be charged interest on any deficit in the foreign currency holdings/open position(s) notwithstanding that the you may have an overall positive net equity in the Account.

To avoid interest charge, conversion can be done easily after the purchase through our [Client Portal](#) to cover the deficit in your foreign currencies.

Am I allowed to purchase bonds through CPFIS-OA/CPFIS-SA/SRS?

We offer a pre-paid account and will not facilitate trading with CPFIS-OA/SPO.

Am I allowed to trade with the excess funds even before bond sales have been settled?

On the Nova trading platform, the proceeds from bond sales will be released immediately upon the sale of the bond. However, funds will not be made available for withdrawal from your account until the actual settlement of trades.

Is short selling of bonds allowed?

You are unable to short sell bonds on Phillip Nova.

I have an existing Phillip Nova trading platform. Do I have to do additional steps to trade bonds?

As a Phillip Nova client, you will automatically be given access to Retail and SGS Bonds on SGX.

If you require assistance, you may contact our Client Service Desk at (65) 65380500 or email nova@phillip.com.sg.

I have an existing POEMS account. Can I still trade bonds through Phillip Nova?

Yes, you can still trade bonds through Phillip Nova. However, the bonds purchased will be held in a separate account from POEMS as Phillip Nova and Phillip Securities are two separate entities.

If I hold a portfolio which consists of various asset classes that includes non-leveraged (e.g. Stocks, ETFs and Bonds) and leverage instruments (e.g. Futures and FX), will my positions in non-leveraged instruments be liquidated in the event of low equity or to meet margin call requirements?

Positions in non-leveraged instruments will not be liquidated in the event of low equity or to meet any margin call requirements. Only leverage positions held in exchange traded futures, options and OTCD products will be liquidated when your account falls into low equity status or fail to meet margin call requirements.

Will I be able to buy non-leveraged instruments (e.g. Stocks, ETFs and Bonds) with unrealised profit from open positions in leverage instruments (e.g. Futures and FX)?

Yes, you will be able to purchase non-leveraged instruments with unrealised profit from open positions in leverage products.

Will I be able to trade in leverage instruments (e.g. Futures and FX) with unrealised profit from my non-leveraged instruments (e.g. Stocks, ETFs and Bonds)?

No, you will not be able to trade leverage products with the unrealized profit from holdings in non-leveraged instruments.

On Phillip Nova, am I able to differentiate the realised and unrealised Profit & Loss (P&L) between my holdings in non-leveraged (e.g. Stocks, ETFs and Bonds) and leverage instruments (e.g. Futures and FX)?

Yes, on Phillip Nova, unrealised P&L will be separated for non-leveraged and leveraged instruments within the Account Summary row.

Unrealised P&L for non-leveraged instruments can be found under the column - Unrealised P&L (Non-Leveraged).

Unrealised P&L for leveraged instruments can be found under the column - Unrealised P&L (Leveraged).

There will not be any tab for realised P&L for bonds as any realised P&L will be calculated under Net Sales Proceed.

[On Phillip Nova, am I able to identify the amount that I have paid for my holdings in bonds?](#)

For bonds bought intra-day, the amount paid will be calculated under Net Stocks Proceed. For bonds bought before the current trading day, the amount paid will be deducted from Account Balance.

[On Phillip Nova, am I able to identify the current valuation of my holdings in bonds?](#)

Yes, under the column Total Stocks Value within the Account Summary row, you will be able to view the valuation of your holdings in bonds in real-time. Mark to market of your holdings will be done against the last traded price of the respective security.

[Can I buy bonds denominated in a foreign currency that I do not currently hold?](#)

The account is a multi-currency account for the ease of your trading and managing your foreign currencies. You will be able to purchase a foreign currency stock as long as you have sufficient excess funds in your account. To avoid interest charge, conversion can be done easily after the purchase through our Client Portal or through the Philip Nova app to cover the deficit in your foreign currencies.

[Will there be any trading limits imposed on my trading account?](#)

There are no trading limits imposed on bonds trading as it is a non-leverage instrument. However, a maximum order size of USD1 million notional value will apply.

Should you wish to request for an increase of limits, please contact your account manager, or the Client Service Desk at (65) 65380500 or email nova@phillip.com.sg.

Settlement

[When will I receive my proceeds after I sell my bonds and when will I be able to withdraw funds?](#)

Your sales proceeds will be credited to your Nova trading account immediately upon the sale of your bonds. However, sales proceeds can only be withdrawn after settlement of the trades.

[What is the methodology adopted for closing positions?](#)

Positions will be closed using a First-in, First-out (FIFO) methodology.

Auctions and Public Offerings

[Will I be able to apply for Auctions/Public Offerings of Retail and SGS Bonds through Phillip Nova?](#)

Auctions/Public Offerings of Retail and SGS Bonds are not available through Phillip Nova. Phillip Nova facilitates the trading of bonds on the secondary market.

For more information on the auction of SGS Bonds, you may refer to MAS's (Monetary Authority of Singapore) website [here](#).

Coupon and Principal Payments

[When are coupons paid?](#)

For contract specifications of Retail and SGS Bonds, you may refer to the SGX's website [here](#).



For more information of coupons on SGS Bonds, you may refer to MAS's (Monetary Authority of Singapore) website [here](#).

Do note that bonds are held in the custody of Phillip Nova and coupon payments made may differ slightly from the actual payment date.

How are coupons paid?

Coupons will be paid to your account held with Phillip Nova.

Can coupons be credited directly to my bank/CPFIS/SRS accounts?

Coupons will be paid to your account held with Phillip Nova, you may withdraw the funds after they have been credited.

Will there be any tax on coupon payments or proceeds from bond sales?

No there are no capital gains tax in Singapore.

How and when are principal payments made at maturity?

The principal payment on maturity will be made to your account held with Phillip Nova.

Do note that bonds are held in the custody of Phillip Nova and principal payments made may differ slightly from the actual maturity date.

For contract specifications of Retail and SGS Bonds, you may refer to the SGX's website [here](#).

For more information of coupons on SGS Bonds, you may refer to MAS's (Monetary Authority of Singapore) website [here](#).

Fees & Charges

What are the commission charges for Retail and SGS Bonds?

Exchange	Commission (Online)	Commission (Voice Brokerage)

Singapore	0.08% (no minimum per order)	0.18% (minimum of SGD18/AUD18/GBP10/EUR12/HKD100/USD15 per order)
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What are the exchange fees for Retail and SGS Bonds?

Exchange	Type	Charges	Charged By
Singapore (SGX)	Clearing Fee	0.0325% of trade value	SGX
	Trading Fee	0.0075% of trade value	SGX
	Settlement Instruction (SI) Fee	SGD 0.35 per counter per direction (Buy/Sell)	SGX

Will there be platform fees for trading Retail and SGS Bonds?

You do not need to pay platform fees for your account. This will help you maximise your trading returns with us.

Phillip Nova reserves the right to impose other charges or to revise the fees and charges without prior notice.

In the event where changes are made to the fees, the revised terms and conditions will be posted on this FAQ or on the Phillip Nova website.

Will I incur custody fees for trading Retail and SGS Bonds?

You do not need to pay for custody fees for your account. This will help you maximise your trading returns with us.

Phillip Nova reserves the right to impose other charges or to revise the fees and charges without prior notice.

In the event where changes are made to the fees, the revised terms and conditions will be posted on this FAQ or on the [Phillip Nova](#) website.



Will there be market data charges for Retail and SGS Bonds?

No there will not be market data charges for Retail and SGS Bonds on SGX.

Please refer to market data subscription access in our [Client Portal](#) for more information.

Miscellaneous

Can I sell bonds in my Phillip Nova account through another broker?

The bonds which you bought through Phillip Nova can only be sold through Phillip Nova as we are the custody to your holdings of the bonds. Phillip Nova currently does not facilitate outward transfer of bonds.

Can I transfer bonds from CDP or other brokerages to Phillip Nova?

Yes, Phillip Nova accepts the transfer in of bonds from CDP and other brokerages.

For more information, you may contact our Client Service Desk at (65) 65380500 or email nova@phillip.com.sg.

Where can I learn more on Retail and SGS Bonds?

You may visit SGX's website [here](#) to find out more about investing in bonds.