

Annex A

Key differences between the registration and prospectus exemptions under National Instrument 45-110 Start-up Crowdfunding Registration and Prospectus Exemptions and the Start-up Crowdfunding Blanket Orders

Key theme	Start-up crowdfunding blanket orders	Instrument
Maximum aggregate proceeds that can be raised by the issuer group under the prospectus exemption	\$250,000 per distribution, up to two times in a calendar year.	\$1,500,000 during the 12 months before the closing of the offering.
Maximum investment amount per person per distribution under the prospectus exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500; or • in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, \$5,000, provided that the purchaser has obtained advice from a registered dealer that such investment is suitable for the purchaser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,500; or • \$10,000, provided that the purchaser has obtained advice from a registered dealer that such investment is suitable for the purchaser
Eligible securities that can be distributed under the prospectus exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common shares • non-convertible preference shares • securities convertible into common shares or non-convertible preference shares • non-convertible debt securities linked to a fixed or floating interest rate • units of limited partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common shares • non-convertible preference shares • securities convertible into common shares or non-convertible preference shares • non-convertible debt securities linked to a fixed or floating interest rate • units of limited partnerships • shares in the capital of an association

Key theme	Start-up crowdfunding blanket orders	Instrument
Confirmation by the regulator before a funding portal starts to facilitate distributions	<p>The funding portal cannot facilitate distributions until the regulator confirms in writing receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a duly completed funding portal information form; • a duly completed individual information form for each principal of the funding portal; and • such other documents and information as may be requested by the regulator. 	<p>The funding portal must deliver the required forms at least 30 days before facilitating distributions. There is no requirement for the regulator's written confirmation. However, a funding portal may not rely on the start-up crowdfunding registration exemption if, within 30 days of receiving the funding portal information form, the regulator has notified the funding portal or any of its principals that its process and procedure for handling of purchasers' funds does not satisfy the conditions of the Instrument.</p>
Bad actor disqualification	Not applicable.	<p>A funding portal cannot rely on the start-up crowdfunding registration exemption if it or any of its principals is or has been the subject of certain proceedings in the last 10 years related to a claim based in whole or in part on various conduct such as fraud, theft, breach of trust, or allegations of similar conduct.</p>
Funding portals financial resources certification	Not applicable.	<p>On a semi-annual basis, the funding portal must certify that it has, or expects to have, sufficient financial resources to continue its operations for at least the next 6 months by delivering a completed funding portal information form or Form 45-110F5 <i>Semi-Annual Financial Resources Certification</i>.</p>
Liability in the event the offering document contains misrepresentations	<p>There is no statutory liability under securities law. The blanket orders do not require the issuer to provide contractual rights to purchasers. Purchasers may have rights under common law or civil law.</p>	<p>The issuer is subject to statutory liability similar to the offering memorandum exemption under section 2.9 of NI 45-106.</p>

Key theme	Start-up crowdfunding blanket orders	Instrument
Investment in an unspecified business	No restrictions.	<p>The start-up crowdfunding prospectus exemption is not available to issuers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have no operations other than to identify and evaluate assets or a business with a view to completing an investment in, merger with, amalgamation with or acquisition of a business, or a purchase of the securities of one or more other issuers; or • intend to use the proceeds of the distribution to invest in, merge with or acquire an unspecified business.
Report of exempt distribution form	Except in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, issuers must use Form 5 – <i>Start-up Crowdfunding – Report of distribution</i> . In Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, issuers must use Form 45-106F1 <i>Report of Exempt Distribution</i> .	Issuers must use Form 45-106F1 <i>Report of Exempt Distribution</i> .
Expiry date	Except in Alberta and Ontario, the orders were initially set to expire on May 13, 2020, but were extended to remain available until 90 days after the Instrument comes into effect. All orders, including those in Alberta and Ontario, are intended to cease to have effect by 90 days after the Instrument comes into effect.	The Instrument has no expiry date.