

Options Trading Checklist

Follow this handy checklist to learn how to take advantage of our innovative options tools and resources. Simply save it to your desktop and check each item off as you go.

Choose a platform that's right for you—without paying any extra fees

Download [thinkorswim](#)[®], our advanced trading platform, for pro-level options tools, including Options Statistics, Options Time and Sales, risk-reward graphs, and live media channels.

Test out options strategies before putting real money on the line with [paperMoney](#)[®]—free when you download the thinkorswim platform.

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Log in to [tdameritrade.com](#) to trade basic options strategies, plus get access to third-party options reports and screeners to help find securities that match your trading strategy.

Commissions, service, and exception fees still apply. Options and futures trading requires special approvals.

Access free education

Visit our [Education Center](#) for a customized learning experience that can help grow your trading plan and skills.

Dive in to the immersive [Trading Options course](#), designed to equip you with knowledge that will help you put your strategies into practice.*

Explore our calendar of [webcasts](#) for options-specific topics ranging from covered calls and cash-secured puts to spreads and advanced strategies.

Attend our [Market Drive events](#) and [live education workshops](#) when they're in an area near you for insights and strategies from platform pros, education coaches, and fellow traders.

Take advantage of market news and commentary

Tune in to our media affiliate, the [TD Ameritrade Network](#) each market day for a unique lineup of shows featuring industry insights that will not only help you consider what, why, and where to trade, but how what's going on in the markets may apply to your strategies.

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Want to upgrade your options trading privileges?

Follow these simple steps to request an account upgrade.

1. [Log in](#) to your account.
2. Go to Client Services, then “My Profile.”
3. Under “Elections & routing,” look for “Options,” and click “Apply” or “Upgrade.”

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All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.

Options are not suitable for all investors as the special risks inherent to options trading may expose investors to potentially rapid and substantial losses. Options trading subject to TD Ameritrade review and approval.

Please read [Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options](#) before investing in options.

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