

Title: Visual Guide: How To DRS IRA shares with access to ComputerShare - Without Tax Hit or Penalty

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Good day GME gang! Here is a start to finish (broker to ComputerShare) ****DRS Guide for Self Directed IRA Shares**** \- This is not Financial Advice, this is my experience, based on my situation. Check with your financial and tax advisor before deciding on this route for yourself. In my case, and many others you can DRS your IRA shares without a distribution or tax hit or early withdrawal penalty.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of some IRApes I have been able to follow the guides to direct register my Traditional and Roth self directed IRAs.... AND access them via ComputerShare linked to my email. I'm also able to update my investment plan (book or DRIP) and sign up for email proxy voting material!

[IRA ACCOUNT WITH DTC STOCK WITHDRAWAL!](<https://preview.redd.it/ww2h7s2kpov81.png?width=771&format=png&auto=webp&s=a60270ed158b7ed38573c60f96c2de587066d64f>)

The overall steps are:

1. Choose a non-broker custodian) willing to direct register (DRS) your IRA shares, while remaining the financial custodian, and adding you as the registered owner - in the form of: Custodian Trust For Benefit Of your name IRA
2. I chose to work with Mainstar Trust
(<https://mainstartrust.com/Contact>)(<https://mainstartrust.com/Contact>)) based on post and recommendations I've found. So far they have been extremely knowledgeable, responsive and helpful throughout this learning process.
3. Once you've made your selection, based on your DD, setup a like-in-kind IRA account with your non-broker custodian. These will be standard new IRA account forms. like-in-kind means Traditional account for Traditional IRA and Roth account for Roth IRA.
4. Once the accounts are created you will fund them via a standard Transfer request. The non-broker custodian will supply these and you can fill them out with your broker account information that you are transferring from. You don't need to contact your broker unless you want to inform them to expect the request from your non-broker custodian.
5. Once the shares are in your non-broker custodian account request via email that they direct register them, for benefit of you, with the transfer agent - for Gamestop, that is ComputerShare. They should be familiar with this process.
6. Request they also forward you the DRS Advise letter when they have confirmation.
7. The DRS Advise letter will contain two pieces of information you need to create your ComputerShare account for your IRA shares:

1. ****Zip Code**** on file (this will be your non-broker custodians zip code on the letter)
2. ****Holder Account Number**** (starts with C00 on the letter)

[Use the Zip Code and Holder Account Number from the DRS Advise Letter](<https://preview.redd.it/zq18o7mmpov81.png?width=772&format=png&auto=webp&s=d2dea016cd2df6dc526d7aeccdc8d807b31e4599>)

8. To initiate the ComputerShare account creation process go to: <https://www-us.computershare.com/Investor/#Home>

9. Click ****Register Now**** link under Login

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10. Under Confirm you details choose ****Holder Account Number****

11. Enter you Holder Account Number and Zip Code on file from the DRS Advise letter.

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13. Fill in the rest of the details, stock name, email (**use a different email** if you already have an existing ComputerShare account for non IRA shares), password, and click Register. You will receive a confirmation and a notice that your **Account Verification Code** will be mailed to the address on file.

14. Contact your non-broker custodian and **ask them to forward you your Account Verification Code** from ComputerShare. Mainstar did this for me in less than a week.

[Note your Verification Code - and that Mainstar's PO BOX number is 420 - nice](<https://preview.redd.it/lpu7n6rppov81.png?width=638&format;=png&auto;=webp&s;=8e6aab40c6fe8f1ac82393ffc5b58a44bbe3ca8f>)

15. When you receive the Account Verification Code go back to <https://www-us.computershare.com/Investor/#Home> \- this time choose **Login**

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16. Use the Username and Password you created earlier.

17. When prompted enter the 5 digit verification code that was forwarded to you.

18. Welcome to your IRA ComputerShare Account! Congrats, you made it! Now things to do:

1. Update your email preference in your Profile
2. Manage your investment plan
3. **VOTE!** \- You can vote up until **Thursday June 2, 2022**

Yes - you can **vote right now** from ComputerShare!

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You have access to your documents and shares as well. Being that it is a custodian account though, I would check with your financial planner and non-broker custodian on the requirements to buy or sell shares. You maybe required to go through the custodian as they are still the financial and legal custodian of the shares. Hope you enjoyed, SHOP, DRS, HODL, VOTE LFG!