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# How can I calculate the Daily Loss Limit?

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For traders participating in the Evaluation, Express, and Stellar 2-Step Challenges, the Daily Loss Limit is 5% of their initial account balance., and for the Stellar Lite Challenge, the Daily Loss Limit is 4% of their initial account balance. However, for traders enrolled in the Stellar 1-Step Challenge, the Daily Loss Limit is 3% of their initial account balance.

To calculate your daily loss limit, use the following formula:

**Daily Loss Limit = Initial Balance × Daily Loss Limit Percentage of Your Enrolled Challenge Account.**

When calculating the daily loss, please note that swap charges, commissions, and fees are included in the total amount. **If you exceed the daily loss limit, your account will be "Paused" and marked with a "Daily Loss Limit," and you will no longer be able to trade.**

**Example 1:** You have a \$100,000 Stellar 2-Step Challenge Account, and your Daily Loss Limit is 5% of your initial balance. So, \$100,000 is considered as the initial balance. Then, your Daily loss will be  $(\$100,000 * 0.05) = \$5000$

**Example 2:** Let's say you are in profit at a certain time in the day. You can calculate your **Loss Limit for the day: (Your initial balance × 0.05 + Profit amount in that day)**

You have a \$100,000 Stellar 2-Step Challenge Account, at noon GMT+2 server time, you have made \$2,000 profit, so the Daily Loss Limit for that day will be  $(\$100,000 * 0.05 + \$2000) = \$7000$ . In other words, losing more than \$7,000 on closed or running trades on that day will violate the Daily Loss Limit.

**Please keep in mind that your Daily Loss Limit will reset at midnight according to the server time.** Therefore, your new Daily Loss Limit for the following day will be calculated as the initial balance (in this case, \$100,000) multiplied by the Daily Loss Limit Percentage of your enrolled challenge (5%), which is \$5,000.

Let's consider an example to illustrate this calculation. Suppose you have purchased an Evaluation \$100,000 Account. Here's how the calculation works:

#### Case 01:

According to the challenge you have, let's assume the Daily Loss Limit is \$5,000, and you are not allowed to lose more than \$5,000 on any given day. Suppose you have lost a total of \$3000 in your closed trades. In such a case, you cannot lose more than \$2000, including floating losses. **Note that swap, commission rates, and fees are included in this calculation. It will be considered a violation if you lose more than \$2,000 on that day.**

In other words,

**Current Daily loss = Closed trade results for this day + Results from the open positions.**

#### Case 02:

Similarly, let's say you gained \$5,000 in profit in a single day. In such a case, you will be allowed to lose \$5,000 (your profit) + \$5,000 (your Daily Loss Limit) = \$10,000 for that day. Losing more than \$10,000 (in both open and closed positions) will be considered a violation. **Note that the Daily Loss Limit resets at midnight (server time). After the reset, previous day profits will no longer count toward your Daily Loss Limit.** Instead, your Daily Loss Limit will return to being a percentage of your Initial Balance (e.g.,  $\$100,000 \times 5\% = \$5,000$ ).

For example, if you start a new day with \$110,000 and lose \$5,000 during the day, your equity will be \$105,000. **However, since your Daily Loss Limit is calculated based on the Initial Balance ( $\$100,000 \times 5\% = \$5,000$ ), losing \$5,000 breaches the limit for that day.** This will result in your account being paused, **even though your equity has not dropped to \$95,000.**

#### Case 03:

Let's look at another case: You have a \$100,000 trading account. In a single day, you encounter a significant loss of around \$3,000. Determined to be profitable, you initiate another trade. **If at any given moment your running position results in a floating loss exceeding -\$2,000, your account will breach the Daily Loss Limit** as you have crossed \$5,000 for a single day, and your account will be paused.

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#### Case 04:

Another thing to keep in mind is that your daily loss limit will be reset at midnight according to the server time. For example, suppose you have gained a \$2000 profit in a closed trade, and currently, you have a running trade at a \$6,000 floating loss. In this case, you still have not violated your Daily loss for the day because your current daily loss is  $+\$2000 - \$6000 = -\$4000$ . However, if you hold this one trade with a floating loss of \$6,000 after midnight, you will breach the Daily Loss Limit because a new day begins after midnight, and you have already lost \$6,000, which is more than your calculated Daily Loss Limit of \$5,000.

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