

Becoming a Testnet Validator

How to become a validator on Secret Network

1. [Run a Full Node](#)

In order to become a validator, your node must be fully synced with the network. You can check this by doing:

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Copy `secretcli status | jq .SyncInfo.catching_up`

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When the value of `catching_up` is `false`, your node is fully sync'd with the network. You can speed up syncing time by [State Syncing](#) to the current block.

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```
Copy "sync_info":{
"latest_block_hash":"7BF95EED4EB50073F28CF833119FDB8C7DFE0562F611DF194CF4123A9C1F4640",
"latest_app_hash":"7C0C89EC4E903BAC730D9B3BB369D870371C6B7EAD0CCB5080B5F9D3782E3559",
"latest_block_height":"668538", "latest_block_time":"2020-10-31T17:50:56.800119764Z",
"earliest_block_hash":"E7CAD87A4FDC47DFDE3D4E7C24D80D4C95517E8A6526E2D4BB4D6BC095404113",
"earliest_app_hash":"","earliest_block_height":"1", "earliest_block_time":"2021-09-15T14:02:31Z", "catching_up":false },
```

...

1. Confirm Wallet is Funded:

This is the secret wallet which you used `****` to create your full node, and will use to delegate your funds to your own validator. You must delegate at least 1 SCRT (1000000uscrt) from this wallet to your validator.

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Copy `secretcli q bankbalances (secretcli keys show -a)`

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If you get the following message, it means that you have no tokens, or your node is not yet synced:

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Copy `ERROR:unknown address: account secret1xxdoesnotexist`

...

Copy/paste the address to get some test-SCRT from [the faucet](#). Continue when you have confirmed your account has some test-SCRT in it.

1. Create Validator

(remember 1 SCRT = 1,000,000 uSCRT, and so the command below stakes 100 SCRT).

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```
Copy secretcli tx staking create-validator \
--amount=100000000uscrt \
--pubkey=(secretcli tendermint show-validator) \
--identity={KEYBASE_IDENTITY} \
--details="To infinity and beyond!" \
--commission-rate="0.10" \
--commission-max-rate="0.20" \
--commission-max-change-rate="0.01" \
--min-self-delegation="1" \
--moniker= \
--from=
```

...

1. Confirm Validator is Created

You should see your moniker listed.

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Copy `secretcli q staking validators | grep moniker`

...

Important CLI Commands for Validators

Staking more tokens

(remember 1 SCRT = 1,000,000 uSCRT)

In order to stake more tokens beyond those in the initial transaction, run:

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Copy secretcli tx staking delegate (secretcli keys show --bech=val -a) uscrd --from

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Editing your Validator

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Copy secretcli tx staking edit-validator \ --moniker " \ --website "https://scrt.network" \ --identity 6A0D65E29A4CBC8E \ --details "To infinity and beyond!" \ --chain-id \ --from \ --commission-rate "0.10"

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Seeing your rewards from being a validator

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Copy secretcli q distribution rewards (secretcli keys show -a)

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Seeing your commissions from your delegators

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Copy secretcli q distribution commission (secretcli keys show -a --bech=val)

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Withdrawing rewards

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Withdrawing rewards+commissions

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Copy secretcli tx distribution withdraw-rewards (secretcli keys show --bech=val -a) --from --commission

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Removing your validator

Currently deleting a validator is not possible. If you redelegate or unbond your self-delegations then your validator will become offline and all your delegators will start to unbond.

Changing your validator's commission-rate

You are currently unable to modify the --commission-max-rate and --commission-max-change-rate parameters.

Modifying the commission-rate can be done using this:

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Copy secretcli tx staking edit-validator --commission-rate="0.05" --from

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Slashing

Unjailing

To unjail your jailed validator

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Copy secretcli tx slashing unjail --from

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Signing Info

To retrieve a validator's signing info:

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Copy secretcli q slashing signing-info

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Query Parameters

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