

# Direct Nomination

**PREREQUISITES** The only prerequisite for direct nomination on Avail DA is that you have an Avail DA compatible wallet with a minimum of 1000 AVAIL in it.

## How to nominate validators directly

### Navigate to the Staking Dashboard Page

Go to the [staking dashboard page \(opens in a new tab\)](#), and connect your wallet by clicking on the connect button on the top right. The dashboard supports a variety of different options.

### (Optional) Click on the Validators

tab in the left sidebar to evaluate validators on the network

You can click on the Validators tab in the left sidebar to view a list of validators currently active on Avail DA. The dashboard allows you to filter out validators based on a number of criteria so you can make an informed choice.

Once you have selected you may click on +Next button.

### Click on the Nominate

tab in the left sidebar

This is how the nominate page in the staking dashboard looks like, once you have connected a wallet.

You can also connect multiple addresses to this page, and cycle between them using the Accounts button.

### Click on the Start Nominating

button

Now you will see a few different options to configure your nominating experience to your liking. Let's go through them one by one.

### Select your Payout preferences.

You have three main options here:

- Compound
  - : This will automatically re-stake your rewards as they come.
- To Your Account
  - : This will send your rewards to the account you used to stake.
- To Another Account
  - : This will send your rewards to a different account you specify.

Select one of these options and click on Continue .

### Choose your validators

You have three main options here:

- Optimal selection
  - : Allow the dashboard to simplify the whole process and fetch a list of up to 16 validators for you to nominate.
- Active Low Commission
  - : Nominate with reliable validators with low commissions.
- From Favorites
  - : You can create a list of your favorite validators and nominate them.
- Manual Selection
  - : You can manually select a maximum of 16 validators of your choice to nominate.

Select one of these options and click on Continue .

### Enter the bond amount

Enter the total amount of AVAIL you want to stake. The minimum amount for direct nomination is 1000 AVAIL. Click onContinue .

## **Start Nominating**

Once all your configurations are set, the dashboard allows you to review your selections one last time. If you're happy with everything, click onStart Nominating . At this point, you will need to approve the transaction in your wallet.

## **Happy nominating**

And that's it! This guide walked you through nominating your AVAIL directly to validators of your choice. Go to the next page to learn how to work with nomination pools.

[Overview Nomination pools](#)