



What is an escrow arrangement and what are the requirements in opening an account?

Dear Valued Client,

Thank you for your interest in the BDO Trust and Investments Escrow Services.

WHAT IS ESCROW?

The **Escrow Agency** is an arrangement wherein BDO Trust acts as an independent third party to protect the interests of contracting parties pending the fulfillment of certain conditions. In a buy and sell transaction, for example, the buyer delivers cash representing the purchase price of a property to the Escrow Agent (BDO Trust) while the seller delivers the document of ownership over the property being purchased. The escrow deposit, therefore, comprises cash and/or documents. The escrow account that will hold the cash and/or documents will be covered by an escrow agreement which will specify the conditions to be fulfilled prior to the release of the cash to the seller and the document of ownership to the buyer. An escrow may be simple or complex, depending on the conditions agreed upon by the parties.

WHO CAN AVAIL OF ESCROW SERVICES?

The service is suitable for the following clients:

1. Individuals or corporations engaged in the purchase or sale of properties
2. Investors/businessmen involved in the buying and selling of shares of stocks of corporations
3. Real estate brokers
4. Any other business or personal transaction involving buying and selling that requires an independent party to oversee that the transaction's objectives are met



BENEFITS TO CLIENTS

- 1) Protection of the parties' interests
- 2) Safekeeping and preservation of the escrow deposit, including professional and prudent investment of funds, if applicable
- 3) Objectivity of an independent party
- 4) Timely delivery of the escrow deposit to designated parties

For further inquiries about escrow and requests for account opening requirements, please email investments@bdo.com.ph or call Corporate Trust and Agencies at 840-7000 locals 4007, 4012, 4006, 4327.

Thank you.

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