

NASDAQ Announces New Saturday Testing Schedule



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What you need to know:

- In order to better meet the needs of our customers, effective **Monday, June 2, 2008** NASDAQ will conduct regular monthly Saturday test opportunities. A schedule is provided below.
- Firms can register for Saturday testing by contacting [NASDAQ Trading Services](#) by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday test. Testing is free for scheduled Saturday tests.
- NASDAQ also reminds firms that daily testing is available in the fee-based [NASDAQ Testing Facility \(NTF\)](#).
- NASDAQ will continue to hold product specific Saturday User Acceptance Tests (UATs) and can accommodate testing for all systems in addition to the specific products being tested on those days.

Who you should contact: [NASDAQ Trading Services](#) at 212.231.5180

What is changing?

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What is the schedule for the Saturday Tests?

Effective Monday, June 2, 2008, once a month, NASDAQ will open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET) for free general customer testing requests on Saturdays. The scheduled Saturday test dates are as follows:

- Saturday, June 14th
- Saturday, July 12th
- Saturday, August 9th
- Saturday, September 13th
- Saturday, October 11th
- Saturday, November 8th
- Saturday, December 13th

Are there any other opportunities to perform tests with NASDAQ?

Customers are reminded that the fee-based [NASDAQ Testing Facility \(NTF\)](#) allows firms to test their automated systems that integrate with NASDAQ's services. The NTF service supplies firms with a venue to test upcoming NASDAQ releases and product enhancements. In addition, firms may use the NTF to test their new software development prior to implementation. The NTF operates weekdays, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 11:50 p.m., ET.

Additionally, product specific UATs will still be scheduled and will be in addition to the predetermined once a month general customer testing dates.

How do I get an NTF port?

NASDAQ market participants can subscribe for new connectivity or update an existing service by completing the [NASDAQ Port Request Form](#) and faxing it to NASDAQ Subscriber Services at 212.231.5426.

Which products and systems will be available during these Saturday tests?

- NASDAQ Equities Match
 - Access Services QIX/CTCI/FIX/RASH/OUCH/Workstation®
 - Market Data
- NASDAQ Options Match
 - Access Services OTTO/Nomad/FIX
 - Market Data
- ACTSM – FINRA/NASDAQ Trade Reporting FacilityTM – FINRA OTCBB/OTC/TDDS
 - Access Services FIX/CTCI/Workstation
 - Market Data (TDDS)
- OTCBB Quoting System
 - Access Service QIX
 - Market Data (BBDS)
 - NASDAQ Workstation
- Trade Reporting and Compliance EngineSM (TRACESM)
 - TRACE Web Browser
 - Access Services CTCI
 - Market Data (BTDS)
- ACES®
 - Access Services FIX/CTCI/Workstation
- Multiple Fund Quotation ServiceSM (MFQSSM)
 - Access Services CTCI
- NASDAQ UTP SIP
 - Input/Output
 - Market Data

NASDAQ has confirmed with The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the Options Price Regulatory Authority (OPRA) that OPRA, CQS and CTS data will be available.

How do I register to participate in one of these tests?

Firms can register for these Saturday tests by contacting [NASDAQ Trading Services](#) by **noon on the Wednesday prior to the Saturday test** in which they would like to participate.

What are the testing hours and who can I contact if I need assistance during one of these tests?

The test periods begin at 9:00 a.m. ET and conclude at noon. During the tests, firms can contact NASDAQ Trading Services at 212.231.5180 if they need assistance.

Who can I contact for additional information?

- [NASDAQ Trading Services](#) at 212.231.5180

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