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## **Sample Elimination Factors**

Sample Financial Advisory Firm Elimination Factors to Consider in the Search for a Financial Advisor for an individual Investor

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	1	Firms that are <i>not regulated</i> by the government to provide financial advice
	2	Firms already having been fined for selling toxic investments
	3	Firms selling <i>commission-based</i> bank products
	4	Firms selling <b>commission-based</b> insurance firm products
	5	Firms selling <b>commission-based</b> investment brokerage firm products
	6	Firms selling <i>fee-based</i> investment brokerage firm products
	7	RIA firms <b>affiliated with</b> a bank
	8	RIA firms affiliated with an insurance company
	9	RIA firms affiliated with an investment securities brokerage firm
	10	RIA firms <b>affiliated</b> with a custodian
	11	RIA firms with <i>no experience</i> with individual investors
	12	RIA firms with <i>no expertise</i> working with individual investors
	13	RIA firms that are <b>NOT</b> CEFEX certified