

A share certificate, such as that illustrated in the template above, often must have a "restrictive legend" placed on the reverse side. The legend requirement stems from restrictions on the ability of a purchaser to transfer or sell his or her shares purchased in a private offering. Such securities are "restricted securities," meaning they are subject to a holding period and other restrictions on resale imposed by the federal and state securities laws and, potentially, board consent or other requirements under the issuer's governing documents. The following is a general example of a restrictive legend:

THE OFFER AND SALE OF THE SHARES OR STOCK REPRESENTED BY THIS STOCK CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "ACT"), OR ANY OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS. THE SHARES ARE SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW AND PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANY'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, HYPOTHECATED, OR SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER DISPOSITION EXCEPT (I) (A) UPON EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION OF THE OFFER AND SALE OF THE SHARES UNDER THE ACT, OR (B) SATISFACTION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION FOR RESALES, AS WELL AS (II) UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMPANY OF SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS IS SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD OR ITS DELEGATE OR OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THE COMPANY'S GOVERNING TERMS.