

Series 6 Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

50 Scored questions	1h 30m Time limit	70% Passing score
\$100 Exam fee	FINRA Governing body	

The Series 6 license qualifies you as an Investment Company and Variable Contracts Products Representative — authorized to sell mutual funds, variable annuities, variable life insurance, and unit investment trusts (but not individual stocks, bonds, or options). Administered by FINRA.

Exam-Day Numbers (memorize these)

- 50 scored questions
- 90 minutes (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Passing score: 70%
- Fee: \$100

Do the Math

- At 50 questions and a 70% passing bar, you must answer 35 questions correctly (0.70×50) — you can miss up to 15.
- 90 minutes $\div$ 50 questions $\sim$ 1.8 minutes per question. Keep this pace; flag hard items and return to them.

Co-Requisite Rule

- The Series 6 is a limited representative license. You must also pass the SIE (Securities Industry Essentials) exam to qualify. The SIE is a separate exam with its own fee and question count — the Series 6 numbers above cover the Series 6 exam only.

Test-Taking Rules of Thumb

- Since a wrong answer and a blank both score zero, never leave a question unanswered — eliminate and guess.
- Budget review time: finishing all 50 items in 90 minutes leaves roughly zero slack at $\sim$ 1.8 min each, so answer decisively on the first pass.

Official sources

- FINRA — Series 7 — General Securities Representative Exam (exam specifications):
<https://www.finra.org/registration-exams-ce/qualification-exams/series7>
- FINRA — Series 6 Exam Overview: <https://www.finra.org/registration-exams-ce/qualification-exams/series6>
- FINRA — FINRA Rule 1210 – Registration Requirements:
<https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/rulebooks/finra-rules/1210>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/practice/exams/securities/series-6