

## FCRA COMPLIANT SERVICES

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As part of statutory compliance education and support endeavour, we are now offering Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) Registration/Renewal Support Services. This facility assists you in your FCRA Registration/Renewal process and compliance.

### FCRA REGISTRATION

Charitable Trusts, Societies and Section 8 Company that receive foreign contribution are required to obtain registration under Section 6(1) of FCRA. Other entities can also get registration or prior permission under FCRA in case they wish to do some work beneficial to society.

**Types of Registration:** There are two ways in which an organization can obtain registration as per FCRA - Normal registration; and Prior permission. For the normal registration, the applicant must be a registered Society, Trust or a Section 8 Company with a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme and have made reasonable contributions for the benefit of society and must have spent a minimum of Rs. 10, 00,000 in the last 3 years towards achieving its objectives. For a newly registered entity, enable to receive foreign contributions, Prior Permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs is required. This is granted for receipt of a specific amount from a specific donor for carrying out specific activities.

**Procedure for Registration/Renewal:** Applications for FCRA Registration, Prior Permission and Renewal of Registration are to be made online through Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India [FCRA-ONLINE](#) portal in an easy to fill format along with a specified Fee. No rectification of error is allowed after the application submission online and applicant may have to contact Support Centre/ Help Desk of the FCRA should there be any changes. The result of Registration application will be known in about 6 months. Status of pending applications can be checked on-line at [FCRA portal](#).

**Validity:** Once FCRA registration is granted, it is valid for a period of five years. An application for renewal of FCRA registration may be made within 6 months prior to the date of expiry, to keep the registration valid.

**Foreign Contribution Receipts & Records:** All the foreign contributions should be received only in the single FC account of a PFMS integrated Bank designated at the time of making application. Accounts and records relating to receiving and utilization of foreign contribution are to be maintained separately and audited.

**Annual Returns:** It is mandatory to submit the FCRA Annual returns in prescribed Forms online duly accompanied audited balance sheet and statement of receipt and payment. The return is to be filed online for every financial year within a period of nine months from the closure of the year. Even if there is no receipt/utilization of foreign contribution during the year, submission of a 'NIL' return, must be filed till the amount of foreign contribution is fully utilized. Non-filing of the annual returns will lead to cancellation of registration apart from penalty. Any Change in the details of Registered/Permitted entity need to be intimated within 15 days.

More details and FAQs in this regard are available on [FCRA portal](#).

GET EXPERT ADVICE. We will assist you in your FCRA Registration/Renewals. We also do offer customized business solutions. For any assistance, [get in touch with us](#).

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