

What is FCRA Registration?

FCRA Registration stands for Foreign Contribution Regulation Act Registration.

It is a legal approval required by NGOs, trusts, societies, and Section 8 companies in India that want to receive donations or funding from foreign countries.

The main purpose of FCRA is to ensure that foreign funds coming into India are used transparently and strictly for genuine social welfare activities, such as education, health, rural development, poverty relief, and similar causes.



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Why is FCRA Registration Important?

Using funds for the right purpose

Following transparency and accountability

Not misusing foreign money

Working for public welfare

This helps maintain donor trust and ensures that funds are used ethically



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Who Needs FCRA Registration?

FCRA Registration is required for any non-profit organization that plans to receive foreign funding, such as:

NGOs

Societies

Charitable Trusts

Section 8 Companies

**Social welfare
organizations**

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Types of FCRA Registration

1. Prior Permission

For newly formed organizations or those that do not have a three-year track record. It allows NGOs to receive foreign funds for a specific donor and a specific project.

2. Regular Registration

Given to organizations that:

- **Have completed at least three years**
- **Have consistent social welfare activities**
- **Maintain proper financial records**



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Benefits of FCRA Registration

- ✓ Legal permission to receive foreign donations
- ✓ Builds credibility and trust among global donors
- ✓ Helps NGOs expand projects and impact
- ✓ Enables long-term international partnerships
- ✓ Ensures compliance with government regulations



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