



Procedure for opening and operating the designated “FCRA Account” under section 17(1) of the FCRA 2010.

To ensure smooth transitioning under the amended FCRA regime, the central government has made the following amendments in view of COVID-19:

- The **existing FCRA account holders** who are now required to open the “FCRA Account” in the New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB) of the State Bank of India, 11 Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 can now do so up to **30th June 2021** or earlier. *Pls note after such date they shall be ineligible to receive foreign contribution in any account other than the “FCRA Account” so opened at NDMB.*
- Persons/NGOs/Associations who already have been granted certificate of registration/ prior permission may note that they shall not receive any foreign contribution in any account other than the designated “FCRA Account” so opened at NDMB from the date of opening of such account or 1st July 2021 whichever is earlier.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) grants extension of validity of registration certificates issued under the FCRA 2010.

During the first wave of COVID -19 the MHA to provide relief via public notice issued on 12.01.2021 bearing ref.no. II/21022/23(22)/2020-FCRA-II had granted extension for the validity of registration certificates issued under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA 2010) which were expiring/ expired during the period falling between 29-09-20 and 31-05-21 up to 31-05-2021.

Keeping in view the exigencies arising out of recent escalation in the COVID-19 situation and to ensure smooth transition to the amended FCRA regime, the Central Government in exercise of its powers conferred by section 50 of the FCRA,2010 has further decided that the registration certificates expiring /expired during the period falling between 29-09-2020 and up to 30-09-2021 shall now remain valid up to **30th September 2021**.

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