

Restrictions with regard filing application for separate FCRA registration to open of branch/
area offices

1. regarding opening of branch / area offices, no separate registrations for each State is required as it is only a branch office of the central organisation and are opened for operational puposes only.You should have the Board Resolution for opening of the branch / area offices.

2. regarding informing the Ministry of Home Affairs about opening of branch / area offices, it is not required as there is no statutory requirement to this effect.

3. regarding opening of designated bank account for receiving foreign contribution, please note the following :

- the receipt of foreign contribution has to be only in the designated bank account as per the FCRA registration certificate.
- separate designated bank accounts cannot be opened by the branch / area offices as they are not registered as separate entities (refer pt.1 above)
- please ensure that no local funds are mixed with the foreign

4. due to the above reasons and also that they are not a separate legal entity, there is no requirement to apply for different FCRA registrations for the branch /area offices.