PROCEDURE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO BONA FIDE CHARITABLE FUNDS IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION IS UPTO 5% OF ITS AVERAGE PROFIT FOR THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEARS

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{Section 181 of the Companies Act, 2013} Synopsis

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Relevant Sections, Rules and Forms at a Glance

Particulars	Section(s), Rule(s) and Name of e-Form(s)
The Companies Act, 2013	Sections 173 and 181
Secretarial Standard-1 of ICSI	Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
e-forms to be filed	

Significant Relevant Approvals and Requirements

- ❖ Board resolution
- Particulars of the charitable organisation
- ❖ Amount of contribution proposed to be made and amount already paid during the current financial year
- ❖ Average profit for the three immediately preceding financial years

120.1 PROCEDURE WITH CHECK POINTS

S. No.	Particulars	
1.	Decide the amount of contribution, donation, etc., and search a <i>bona fide</i> charitable organisation for contributing funds up to 5% of its average profit for the three immediately preceding financial years .	
2.	Complete formalities regarding calling of board meeting in the following manner:	
	• Prepare notice of board meeting along with draft resolution(s) to be passed in the board meeting.	
	Send notice of board meeting to all the directors	
	- at least 7 days before the date of board meeting or	
	- in such manner as prescribed under section 173(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause 1 of the Secretarial Standard-1.	

S. No.	Particulars	
3.	Convene board meeting to pass the following resolutions for:—	
	• contributing funds of the company for charitable purposes for an aggregate amount in any financial year up to 5% of its average net profits for the three immediately preceding financial years.	
	• authorising a person to complete the formalities for the same.	
4.	Complete formalities regarding minutes of the board meeting as per Section 118 of the Companies Act, 2013 in the following manner:	
	• Prepare draft minutes of the board meeting and circulate, within a period of fifteen days from the date of conclusion of that meeting, to all directors, by hand/speed post/registered post/courier/e-mail or by any recognised electronic means, for their comment(s).	
	• All directors shall communicate their comment(s), if any, on the draft circulated minutes within a period of seven days from the date of circulation of the draft minutes.	
	• Add the suggested comment(s) given or suggested by any director and finalise the minutes.	
	• Enter the minutes, in the minute book of the board meeting, within thirty days from the date of conclusion of the board meeting.	
	• Minutes of the board meeting shall be signed and dated by the chairman of that meeting or by the chairman of the next meeting.	
	• The signed minutes duly certified by Company Secretary/any director where Company Secretary is not appointed shall be circulated within 15 days of signing to all the directors as on the date of meeting and appointed thereafter, except those directors who have waived to receive such signed minutes.	
5.	Contribute the amount as per board resolution and make necessary entries in the books of accounts of the company.	

120.2 FORMS TO BE FILED

S. No.	Name of the e-form	Particulars/Attachment	Time Period Required
1.	No form is required to be filed.		

120.3 LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

S. No.	Particulars	
1.	Certified true copy of the board resolution (duly signed by a director other than the concerned/authorised director and advisable to get it signed by at least 2 director).	
2.	Three year's balance-sheet of the company to calculate the average profit of the company.	
3.	Amount of contribution.	



For the detailed procedure, please refer Company Law Procedures & Compliances by Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, 2nd edn, 2021. You can buy from your bookseller or online at www.bharatlaws.com

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