# PROCEDURE TO ISSUE SECURED COMPULSORILY CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES BY PRIVATE COMPANY

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{Sections 71 and 77 read with section 42 of the Act and read with Rule 18 of the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 and Rule 14 of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014}

# **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 42, 56, 62, 71, 72, 77, 78, 82, 85 117, 173, 179, 247 and 403
The Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014	Rule 2(1)(c)(ix)
The Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014	Rules 13, 18 and 19
The Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014	Rules 12 and 14
The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014	Rule 24
The Companies (Registration of Charges) Rules, 2014.	Rules 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11
The Companies (Registration Offices and Fees) Rules, 2014	Rules 7, 8 and 12
Secretarial Standard-1 of ICSI	Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
Secretarial Standard-2 of ICSI	Clauses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 17
e-Forms to be filed	MGT-14
	PAS-3
	DPT-3
	CHG-9
	CHG-4 (at the time of satisfaction of charge)
Forms to be kept as a record	PAS-4 and PAS-5

### **Significant Relevant Approvals and Requirements**

- **❖** Board resolution
- Special resolution
- Debentures are not carrying any voting rights
- ❖ Debentures are compulsorily convertible into shares of the company within a period of 10 years
- ❖ Offer or invitation to subscribe or issue of secured compulsorily convertible debentures only to a select group of persons as identified by the Board and whose number except in case of Non-banking Financial Company and Housing Finance Companies, in a financial year, shall not exceed 200 in aggregate
- \* No fresh offer or invitation shall be made unless the allotments with respect to any offer or invitation made earlier have been completed
- Private placement offer letter-cum- application form shall be issued only after filing of relevant board resolution or special resolution with the jurisdictional Registrar of Companies
- ❖ Offer shall not carry any right of renunciation
- ❖ Debentures secured by a charge on the assets of the company referred to in Schedule III of the Act excluding intangible assets, the amount of such debentures shall not exceed the market value of such assets as assessed by a registered valuer
- ❖ Appointment of Debenture Trustee, obtaining prior written consent of the trustee and execution of debenture trust deed
- Creation of charge on the debentures and assets of the company
- ❖ Not to release any advertisements, or utilise any media, marketing or distribution channels or agents to inform the public at large
- ❖ Issue price shall be decided on the basis of valuation report of a registered valuer
- Open a separate bank account to receive subscription money
- ❖ Not to use subscription money unless allotment is made, and the return of allotment is filed in PAS-3 with the Registrar of Companies

### **64.1 PROCEDURE WITH CHECK POINTS**

S. No.	Particulars	
1.	Ensure that—	
	• the articles of association authorise for issue of debentures though private placement, and, if not, then first alter the articles of association to include the provisions for issue of debentures through private placement.	
	• a private company shall issue compulsory convertible debentures only through private placement basis as section 2(67) of the Act prohibits a company to issue any invitation to public to subscribe its securities.	
	• the offer of issue of securities under section 42(2) and (3) of the Act shall be permitted with the previous approval of shareholders by special resolution for each offer [Rule 14(1) of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014]	
	• no fresh offer or invitation for private placement under section 42 of the Act shall be made unless the allotments with respect to any offer or invitation made earlier have been completed or that offer, or invitation has been withdrawn or abandoned by the company {Section 42(5) of the Act}.	



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 <a href="https://www.bharatlaws.com">www.bharatlaws.com</a>

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