

## PROCEDURE TO ISSUE SECURED NON- CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES<sup>1</sup> BY PRIVATE COMPANY

*{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}.*

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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 (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014	Rules 13, 18 and 19
The Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014	Rule 2(1)(c)(ix) and (ix a)
The Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014	Rules 12 and 14
The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014	Rules 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

<sup>1</sup> As per Rule 2(1)(c)(ixa) of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, any amount raised by issue of non-convertible debenture not constituting a charge on the assets of the company and listed on a recognised stock exchange as per applicable regulations made by Securities and Exchange Board of India shall not fall under the definition of deposits, otherwise it shall be treated as deposits, so if a private company issue non-convertible debentures which are not secured, it has to list them on a recognised stock exchange as to come out from the definition of deposits. Please note that a private company can list its debentures on a recognised stock exchange.

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Section(s), Rule(s) and Name of e-Form(s)</b>
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
- ❖ Debentures are not carrying any voting rights
- ❖ Debentures shall be redeemed within a period of 10 (ten) years from the date of issue
- ❖ Offer or invitation to subscribe or issue of 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 with the jurisdictional Registrar of Companies
- ❖ Offer shall not carry any right of renunciation
- ❖ Debentures shall be secured by the creation of a charge on the properties or assets of the company or its subsidiaries or its holding company or its associates companies, having a value which is sufficient for the due repayment of the amount of debentures and interest thereon
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Creation of debenture redemption reserve
- ❖ 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

S. No.	Particulars
	<p>The subscribers, who are individuals in the Memorandum of Association (MOA) shall be deemed as first directors until the directors are duly appointed by the members in accordance with Section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder (Section 152 of the Act).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not the person intended/proposed to be appointed a director of a company has a valid Director Identification Number (DIN) under section 174 or any other number as may be prescribed under section 174 of the Companies Act, 2013, however, in case of first directors of a new company, the DIN up to 3 (three) persons can be obtained through incorporation with integrated form SPICe-1 (INC-32) (Section 152 of the Act read with rule 152 of the Companies Incorporation Rules, 2014).</li> <li>• Not a total number of directors, at least one director has stayed in India for a total period of not less than 182 days during the financial year. Provided that in case of newly incorporated company, residential status shall be determined proportionately. However, it is not required in case the director is appointed by the Central Government or State Government (Section 152 of the Act).</li> <li>• A person, who is intended to be appointed, shall not be eligible for appointment, if he/she has any disqualification for appointment under section 164 of the Act (Section 164 of the Act read with company provisions of government company and regulations in COA 2012 about COA 2012).</li> <li>• A person proposed to be appointed as a director in a company other than a company registered under Section 8 (non-profit company) of the Companies Act, 2013 (Section 152 of the Act)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shall not hold office as a director including any alternate directorship in more than 20 companies including directorship in dormant companies.</li> <li>- shall not hold office in more than 10 public companies including the private companies which are holding or subsidiary of public company.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.	In case of one person company, an individual being sole member is deemed to be the first director of the company, if the articles of association has not mentioned the names of first directors (Section 152 of the Act).
2.	Forms created in writing, on or before appointment, from the appointed director to act as director in the company as Form 208-2 (Part 2 of the Companies Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rule, 2014.
3.	Form created in writing, on or before appointment, from the appointed director as Form 208-3 regarding that he/she is not disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013, to act as a Director (Section 164 of the Act read with rule 164 of the Companies Appointment and Qualification of <u>Directors</u> ) Rule, 2014.
4.	The particulars of first directors to be integrated with Form SPICe-1 (INC-32) at the time of incorporation of company.

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](http://www.bharatlaws.com)

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