

NGO Registration Pack — Society / Section 8 / Trust + NGO-Darpan

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Prepares the formation of an NGO in the right legal form — a society, a Section 8 company or a public charitable trust — comparing the three, drafting the governing document (society memorandum and rules, Section 8 MOA/AOA, or trust deed), and preparing the NGO-Darpan onboarding. For a standalone trust deed use the Trust Deed drafter; for tax exemption after registration use the 12A/80G Registration tool.

Purpose of this tool & output

Prepare NGO formation — a society, a Section 8 company or a public trust — plus NGO-Darpan onboarding, with the right governing document and document set

How the output is used

Use the form comparison, the drafted governing document and the NGO-Darpan details to register the NGO with the correct authority, then move to the 12A/80G application for tax exemption as the next step.

Who receives it

The Registrar of Societies, or the Registrar of Companies for a Section 8 licence, or the sub-registrar for a trust; and NITI Aayog for NGO-Darpan.

How to submit / file it

File the governing document (society memorandum and rules, Section 8 MOA/AOA via INC-12 or SPICe+, or the trust deed) with the founders KYC and office proof to the right authority, and complete the NGO-Darpan onboarding.

Fees & charges

The registration fee for the chosen form plus stamp duty on the trust deed or MOA (state-based); a professional fee for drafting and filing.

Who should vet it

A CA or a company secretary — to confirm the best form for the objects and funding, and to draft the governing document and file it.

Important cautions

The form (society, Section 8 or trust) has lasting governance and funding consequences and is hard to change later; a Section 8 is usually preferred for grants. Verify the choice with a professional, and plan the 12A/80G step.

Companion documents

No related documents are listed on the portal for this tool.

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.