

AADHAAR



What is Aadhaar?

- ✓ Aadhaar is a 12 digit individual identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India on behalf of the Government of India.
- ✓ This number will serve as a proof of identity and address, anywhere in India. Aadhaar letter received via India Post and e-Aadhaar downloaded from UIDAI website are equally valid.
- ✓ Any individual, irrespective of age and gender, who is a resident in India and satisfies the verification process laid down by the UIDAI can enroll for Aadhaar.
- ✓ Each individual needs to enroll only once which is free of cost.
- ✓ Each Aadhaar number will be unique to an individual and will remain valid for life. Aadhaar number will help you provide access to services like banking, mobile phone connections and other Govt and Non-Govt services in due course.

Aadhaar is

- ✓ Easily verifiable in an online, cost-effective way
- ✓ Unique and robust enough to eliminate the large number of duplicate and fake identities in government and private databases
- ✓ A random number generated, devoid of any classification based on caste, creed, religion and geography

Benefits of Aadhar

Individual

- ✓ Easy hassle free access to services (banking, LPG, phone number, etc).
- ✓ **Migrants:** Provides identification to large number of migrant labors to avail services.
- ✓ **Financial inclusion:** The identification enables easy opening of bank account leading to financial inclusion of rural folks and ease of operations for banks through Banking Correspondent.

Administrative

- ✓ Online cost effective verification of beneficiaries leads to Good Governance (minimum government maximum Governance).
- ✓ Unique and robust platform to check duplication and ghost cards.
- ✓ Subsidy costs can be hugely reduced by cutting down intermediaries and eliminating ghost cards.

Reduction in fake identity

- ✓ As only one identity card is provided to a person (linked to individual biometrics), there is incentive to be genuine.