

Income Tax (IT) Department simplifies linking PAN with Aadhaar for taxpayers using Income Tax India website

No need to login or be registered on the E-filing website for linking

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The Income Tax (IT) Department has made it easy for taxpayers to link their PAN with *Aadhaar*. Responding to grievances of taxpayers regarding difficulties in linking PAN with *Aadhaar* as their names did not match in both systems (e.g., names with initials in one and expanded initials in another), the IT Department has come out with a simple solution now.

Taxpayers can go to <http://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in> and click on the link on the Left Pane à **Link Aadhaar**, provide PAN, *Aadhaar* number and ENTER NAME EXACTLY AS GIVEN IN AADHAAR CARD (avoid spelling mistakes) and Submit. After verification from UIDAI, the linking will be confirmed.

Figure 2: Linking Aadhaar with PAN simplified

In case of any minor mismatch in *Aadhaar* name provided by taxpayer when compared to the actual data in *Aadhaar*, a One Time Password (*Aadhaar* OTP) will be sent to the mobile registered with *Aadhaar*. Taxpayers should ensure that the date of birth and gender in PAN and *Aadhaar* are exactly same. In a rare case where *Aadhaar* name is completely different from name in PAN, then the linking will fail and taxpayer will be prompted to change the name in either *Aadhaar* or in PAN database.

There is no need to login or be registered on E-filing website. This facility can be used by anyone to link their *Aadhaar* with PAN.

This facility is also available after login on the e-filing website under Profile settings and choose *Aadhaar* linking. The details as per PAN will be pre-populated. Enter *Aadhaar* number and ENTER NAME EXACTLY AS GIVEN IN AADHAAR CARD (avoid spelling mistakes) and Submit.

Taxpayers are requested to use the simplified process to complete the linking of *Aadhaar* with PAN immediately. This will be useful for E-Verification of Income Tax returns using OTP sent to their mobile registered with *Aadhaar*.

