

1. What is Aadhaar?

Answer: Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique identification number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to Indian residents based on their biometric and demographic data.

2. How do I apply for Aadhaar?

Answer: You can apply for Aadhaar by visiting an Aadhaar enrolment center, providing biometric details (fingerprints, iris scan), and demographic details (name, address, date of birth).

3. Is Aadhaar mandatory for all citizens?

Answer: While Aadhaar is not mandatory for all citizens, it is required for availing certain government services and subsidies, and it is mandatory for various financial and tax-related activities.

4. Can I use Aadhaar for identity verification?

Answer: Yes, Aadhaar can be used for identity verification through biometric authentication, such as fingerprint and iris scan.

5. What is the importance of Aadhaar?

Answer: Aadhaar serves as proof of identity and address, facilitates access to government services, and is a key tool in reducing fraud and enhancing transparency.

6. Can I change my name on Aadhaar?

Answer: Yes, you can update your name, address, date of birth, and other details on Aadhaar by visiting the nearest Aadhaar center.

7. What to do if I forget my Aadhaar number?

Answer: You can retrieve your Aadhaar number online by visiting the UIDAI website and using your registered mobile number.

8. Can I link my Aadhaar to my bank account?

Answer: Yes, you can link your Aadhaar to your bank account for direct benefit transfers, subsidies, and other financial services.

9. Is Aadhaar linked to my PAN card?

Answer: Yes, it is mandatory to link your Aadhaar number with your PAN card for filing income tax returns.

10. How can I update my mobile number in Aadhaar?

Answer: To update your mobile number, visit an Aadhaar center and request an update. The new number will be updated in the Aadhaar database.

11. Can Aadhaar be used for voter registration?

Answer: Yes, Aadhaar can be used to verify your identity during voter registration in some states, but it's not mandatory.

12. How to check my Aadhaar status?

Answer: You can check your Aadhaar status online on the UIDAI website by entering your Aadhaar number or URN (Update Request Number).

13. What to do if my Aadhaar details are incorrect?

Answer: You can update or correct your details by visiting an Aadhaar center with the necessary documents.

14. Can I use Aadhaar for mobile number verification?

Answer: Yes, Aadhaar is commonly used for verifying mobile numbers through the e-KYC process.

15. Can a foreigner get an Aadhaar card?

Answer: No, Aadhaar is only available to Indian residents. Foreigners residing in India for over 182 days can apply for Aadhaar if they meet certain criteria.

16. Is Aadhaar linked to my driving license?

Answer: While Aadhaar is not directly linked to your driving license, it can be used to verify your identity during the application process in some states.

17. Can I use Aadhaar to open a bank account?

Answer: Yes, Aadhaar can be used for e-KYC to open a bank account in India.

18. What if my Aadhaar card gets lost?

Answer: If your Aadhaar card is lost, you can download a digital copy from the UIDAI website using your Aadhaar number or enrolment ID.

19. How secure is my Aadhaar data?

Answer: UIDAI follows stringent security protocols to protect your biometric and demographic data. However, it's advised to keep your Aadhaar number confidential.

20. What is e-Aadhaar?

Answer: e-Aadhaar is a digitally signed version of your Aadhaar card, available for download from the UIDAI website.