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Unique Identification Authority of India
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The Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016 under the Aadhaar Act, 2016 have been notified on 12th September 2016. Regulations 12, 24 and 25 of ibid Regulations provide for appointment of Authentication User Agencies (AUAs), e-KYC User Agencies (KUAs) and Authentication Service Agencies (ASAs), provisions for continuation of existing entities and imposition of disincentives for contravention of provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 and its Regulations, Agreements etc.

2. The Authority in exercise of the provisions of the Regulations 12(1) and 12(2) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016, has approved the Agreements for the AUAs, KUAs and ASAs to avail Aadhaar authentication services provided by UIDAI. This inter alia includes schedule of disincentives, depositing of bank guarantee, levying of license fees etc. The Agreements viz. Authentication User Agency Agreement v4.0, Authentication Service Agency Agreement v4.0, set of applications and appointment letters are available on UIDAI website.

3. In view of the decisions taken by the Authority, following directions are issued for compliance by AUAs, KUAs and ASAs:

- i. Existing AUAs and KUAs: The entities who have already signed Agreement with UIDAI and are availing authentication service either in pre-production or production or both shall be required under Regulation 24(2) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016 to fulfill following requirements:
 - a. The entities availing the production environment facility for authentication shall be required to deposit license fees of Rs 20 lakh which shall be valid for 2 years w.e.f 1st June 2017.
 - b. The entities availing pre-production environment facility shall be required to deposit license fees of Rs 5 lakh which shall be valid for 3 months w.e.f 1st June 2017. The entities which desire to continue using pre-production facility beyond 3 months shall be required to renew their pre-production license key after depositing license fees of Rs 5 lakh each time which shall again be valid for a period of 3 months.

If an existing AUA or KUA, in either pre-production or production or both environments, continues to use Aadhaar authentication services beyond 15th June 2017, it shall be deemed to have agreed to the terms and clauses of the AUA Agreement v4.0 and shall be required to deposit the license fees and bank guarantee by 30th June 2017. In case it does not agree with the terms and clauses of the Agreement, it may discontinue use of Aadhaar authentication

- services and shall intimate to UIDAI by 15th June 2017 for termination of their Agreement as per Regulations 24(3) and 24(4) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016.
- ii. Existing ASAs: The ASAs who have already signed agreement with UIDAI and are availing authentication service either in pre-production or production or both shall be required under Regulation 24(2) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016 to fulfill following requirements:
- The ASAs availing the production environment facility for authentication shall be required to deposit a license fees of Rs 1 crore which shall be valid for 2 years w.e.f 1st June 2017.
 - The ASAs availing pre-production environment facility shall be required to deposit license fees of Rs 10 lakh which shall be valid for 3 months w.e.f 1st June 2017. The ASAs which desire to continue using pre-production facility beyond 3 months shall be required to renew their pre-production license key after depositing license fees of Rs 10 lakh each time which shall again be valid for a period of 3 months.

If an existing ASA, either in pre-production or production or both environments continues to use ASA services beyond 15th June 2017, it shall be deemed to have agreed to the terms and clauses of the ASA Agreement v4.0 and shall be required to deposit the license fees and bank guarantee by 30th June 2017. In case it does not agree with the terms and clauses of the Agreement, it may discontinue use of Aadhaar authentication services and shall intimate to UIDAI by 15th June 2017 for termination of their Agreement as per Regulations 24(3) and 24(4) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations, 2016.

- The above mentioned license fee is non-refundable under any circumstances including but not limited to the event of the entity (AUA/KUA/ASA) closing its business before the period for which fee has been paid or in case the Authority cancels the License / Agreement.
- UIDAI has received a number of applications for appointment as AUAs and ASAs, which are yet to be approved or pending for Agreement signing. The application fees for such cases shall be returned and these entities will be required to apply afresh as per new format.
- Bank Guarantee of Rs 25 lakh for AUAs and Rs 50 lakh for ASAs shall be valid for a period of 10 years from the date of signing of the agreement for new entities. In case of existing entities agreeing to continue authentication services, the bank guarantee shall be valid for period of 10 years w.e.f 1st June 2017.
- The completed Application Form, License Fee and Bank Guarantee alongwith the required documents may be submitted to Deputy Director (Authentication) 9th Floor, Tower-1, Jeevan Bharati Building, Connaught Circus, New Delhi - 110001.


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