

Unique Identification Authority of India
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Subject: Implementation of Unique Identifiers for Aadhaar-based Authentication Transactions.

UIDAI has been approving use of Aadhaar authentication under provisions of sections 4 and 7 of the Aadhaar Act. For ease of implementation, certain government requesting entities have been implementing multiple distinct schemes and departments under single AUA/KUA or Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA code.

Performing Aadhaar authentication transactions by such requesting entities (RE) using single AUA/KUA or Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA code for multiple schemes/services or departments may lead to implementation challenges, which are as following –

- a) Difficult to differentiate between transactions for various schemes and departments as they originate using same code;
- b) Impedes auditing, fraud detection and prevention, and performance tracking for individual schemes;
- c) Technical issue in one scheme can affect all others simultaneously, leading to a lack of service continuity and reliability;
- d) Using a single Sub-AUA code for multiple schemes makes it difficult to pinpoint the source of a security or compliance violation; and
- e) Lacks transparency for implementation of Aadhaar authentication for approved schemes.

2. In this connection, all Department/Ministry of Centre/State Government entities (*herein after referred as “Government entity”*) which are REs in Aadhaar ecosystem are directed to implement the following as the case may be with immediate effect that is to enhance transparency, improving visibility, and streamlining the process of managing transactions:

- a) **Unique Transaction Identifiers:** Government entity as RE shall implement a unique identifier within the transaction ID for each scheme/service/use-case of the department or organization conducting transactions using their allotted license and code. Also, respective requesting entity shall formally inform UIDAI with identifiers implemented for each scheme/service/use-case. The schema for implanting unique identifiers is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.
- b) **LITE Code Implementation:** Government entity as RE with a one-time use case wherein transactions to be performed are less than one lakh in a year may implement a LITE code using facility and infrastructure of an AUA/KUA under intimation to UIDAI. In this context, UIDAI has issued circular No. 3 of 2023 *vide* letter no. HQ-13073/2/2023-Auth HQ/C-10768 and partial modification to circular No. 3 of 2023 dated 26.12.2024. Further, for implementation of LITE code SoP is enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

3. Implementing unique identifiers by AUA/KUA/Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA will incur the following benefits-

- a) Provides more insight for benefit analysis of schemes by scheme implementing entity;
- b) Ensure schemes benefit being provided as per approval;
- c) Provide the necessary administrative and technical segregation to ensure adequate supervision by scheme implementing entity;
- d) Identifier will ensure transaction traceability for all approved schemes;
- e) Will enhance data analysis on implemented schemes;
- f) Improves reliability and traceability for the approved purpose; and
- g) Internal security compliance in accordance with the Aadhaar Act, 2016 and its associated regulations.

4. In view of aforesaid, all requesting entities are requested to make technical enablement and provide details internal identifiers to UIDAI within 30 days from issuance of the circular to avoid any disruption in services.

5. Subsequently, UIDAI needs to be under intimation before implementing transaction identifier for any scheme/service/use-case, as per the format enclosed at **Annexure-III**.

6. This circular shall be applicable to Departments/Ministries of Centre/ State Government.

7. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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Schema for implanting unique identifiers

All user agencies must embed an identifier as per the details/guidelines mentioned below:

Transaction Identifier Format: The transaction identifier should be up to five alphabetic characters, either the scheme name or its prominent initials.

Placement of Identifier: The identifier must be appended at the end of every transaction ID for the respective scheme.

Applicability: This format applies to both demographic (Yes/No) authentication and e-KYC use cases.

Examples:

- a) Demographic Authentication (e.g. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, PMAY)

Transaction ID: NIC7716453145432025-10-29T23:35:23**PMAY**

(Here, PMAY, identifies the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme)

- b) eKYC (e.g., Jeevan Pramaan Portal)

Transaction ID: UKC:463519011920251029233449**JPP**

(Here, JPP signifies the Jeevan Pramaan scheme)

SoP for allocation of “Less In Transaction Entity” (LITE Code), is as follows:

Reference:

- 1) UIDAI circular 3 of 2023 dated 31.3.2023.
 - 2) Partial modification issued dated 26.12.2024 to UIDAI circular 3 of 2023 dated 31.3.2023.
 - 3) UIDAI circular 4 of 2025 dated 18.3.2025.
 - 4) UIDAI circular 13 of 2025 dated 3.11.2025.
 - 5) UIDAI circular 14 of 2025 dated 3.11.2025.
- a) The Government entity desirous of using Aadhaar authentication facility of UIDAI and claiming to perform transactions \leq 1 lakh in a financial year (FY), shall approach its respective Authentication User Agency (AUA) and e-KYC User Agency (KUA) (*hereinafter referred as AUA/KUA*) and submits a formal request to get onboarded with LITE code.
 - b) Respective AUA/KUA shall submit a formal letter to UIDAI along with gazette notification, issued as per the guidelines issued by UIDAI under relevant provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016.
 - c) Based on the recommendation received from the respective AUA/KUA, LITE code shall be allocated by UIDAI to Entity. In addition, AUA/KUA cannot onboard any Government Entity independently without intimating UIDAI.
 - d) AUA/KUA shall ensure secure storage of logs of transactions performed by its respective Government entity onboarded on LITE Code.
 - e) AUA/KUA to ensure that all its Government entity onboarded with LITE Code complies with the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 and its associated regulations, directions, processes, standards, guidelines, notifications, specifications and protocols of the Authority.
 - f) Existing Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA performing transactions i.e. \leq 1 lakh in a financial year (FY) can apply to onboard on LITE Code as per the procedure mentioned above.
 - g) No audit shall be applicable to Government entity onboarded using LITE Code, *subject to utilizing infrastructure of their respective AUA/KUA*. However, in case entity onboarded using LITE code decided to keep the Aadhaar authentication data itself, compliance of UIDAI’s circular 14 of 2025 dated 4.11.2025 is to be ensured by the respective entity.
 - h) No license fee will be applicable to Government entity onboarded on LITE Code.
 - i) In case transactions of any Government entity onboarded on LITE Code exceeds the limit of defined number of transactions within the stipulated financial year (FY), respective entity shall be charged with the license fees of Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA along with the penalty of @1.5% per month and part thereof since date of onboarding on LITE Code.

Annexure-III

Format for sharing of details of Unique Transaction Identifiers implemented by AUA/KUA/Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA:

S. No.	Name of the Entity	Name of the Scheme/Service/Use-case	Unique Transaction Identifier Implemented
