Aadhaar Verification to Cost ₹20

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Bangalore: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) issued a gazette notification on Thursday that mandates private organisations using Aadhaar services to pay ₹20 for each customer verification and 50 paise for authentication of the unique ID.

The gazette notification, the Aadhaar (Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations 2019, however, exempts government entities and the Department of Posts from authentication transaction charges. “Aadhaar authentication services shall be charged at the rate of ₹20 (including taxes) for each eKYC transaction and ₹0.50 (including taxes) for each Yes and No authentication transaction from requesting entities,” a notification by the UIDAI said.

UIDAI mandates that the organisation pay for the service based on usage within 15 days of raising a invoice by the authority. Delays in payment will attract interest and could lead to discontinuation of authentication and eKYC services.

On February 28, the government issued an ordinance to approve amendments to the Aadhaar Act that would allow voluntary use of the Aadhaar number to authenticate services both offline and online, besides using the number for authentication for KYC purposes.

The notification, signed by UIDAI CEO Ajay Bhushan Pandey, said that in case a requesting entity does not wish to pay authentication transaction charges, it shall discontinue the use of Aadhaar authentication services and terminate its decision to the UIDAI immediately and surrender its access to the authentication facilities.