

## AADHAAR MANDATE FOR PMVBRY BENEFICIARIES



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### 1. The Update

The Government of India has notified that any individual seeking incentives under the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana** (PMVBRY) must undergo Aadhaar authentication or provide proof of possession of an Aadhaar number. This requirement is issued under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, which allows the government to mandate Aadhaar for the targeted delivery of subsidies and benefits.

### 2. The Shift: Old vs. New

- **Identification Method:** Under the present Notification, Aadhaar authentication or proof of possession of Aadhaar number has been prescribed as the primary mode for establishing identity for the purpose of availing benefits under the Scheme, in accordance with Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act.
- **Enrolment Responsibility:** If a beneficiary does not have an Aadhaar number, the EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) is now legally responsible for facilitating their enrolment through its own centres or by coordinating with Registrars.
- **Authentication Failure:** Where biometric authentication (fingerprints/iris) fails due to any reason, such as poor quality of biometric information, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted; allowing for OTP-based or offline QR code verification to ensure no genuine person is denied benefits.

### 3. Key Compliance Action Points

- **For Individuals:** If you don't have an Aadhaar, you must apply for one and provide the Enrolment ID (EID) along with a secondary document (like a Voter ID, Ration card, Passport, Caste certificate etc.) to receive benefits.
- **For Foreign Nationals/Refugees:** Specific secondary documents are required (OCI Card, Tibetan Registration Certificate *(if he is an Tibetan refugee)*, Nepal or Buthan passport *(if he is Nepal or Buthan citizen)*, or Indian visa along with foreign passport or a Long Term Visa to India along with currently valid or expired foreign passport etc.

### 4. Regulatory Impact

This enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency.

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