

Guidelines for submission of proposals under the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020(as amended in 2025)

1. The proposal, eligible for submission under section 4(4)(b(ii) of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 (as amended), read with the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 (as amended in 2025) (“SWIK Rules”), fulfills atleast one of purposes mentioned at Rule 3 of the SWIK Rules- (i) usage of digital platforms to ensure good governance; or/and (ii) prevention of dissipation of social welfare benefits; or/and (iii) enablement of innovation and spread of knowledge or/and (iv) promoting ease of living of residents and enabling better access to services for them.
2. The Aadhaar authentication facility under section 4(4)(b(ii) shall be on a voluntary basis.
3. Kindly ensure that the proposal is not eligible for consideration under section 7 (i.e. involving giving of subsidy, benefit or service for which expenditure is incurred from Consolidated Fund of India or Consolidated Fund of State) or section 4(4)(b)(i) (i.e. permitted to use Aadhaar authentication under the provisions of any other law made by Parliament).
4. In case, the proposal is eligible for consideration under section 7 or section 4(4)(b)(i), the use-case should be notified under the corresponding section.
5. The authorization for the use-case from Central Government {i.e. Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)} is required only under the provisions of section 4(4)(b(ii) read with the SWIK Rules.
6. A Government entity may submit the proposal through their administrative Ministry/Department of the Central or the State Government to MeitY.
7. Any other entity [incorporated and registered in India], which is desirous of utilising Aadhaar authentication, will be required to apply to the concerned Ministry or Department of the Central or the State government in a structured format detailing their intended requirements and also mentioning that how their use-case is in the interest of State. If the concerned Ministry or Department is of the opinion that the proposal fulfils the prescribed purpose(s) and is in the interest of State, it will forward the proposal, along with its recommendations, to the MeitY.
8. The proposal application form is required to be submitted in a structured format and would require the following:
 - a brief description of the initiative or scheme highlighting the benefit that would accrue from its implementation. Such benefit should be relatable to

the purpose(s) specified under Rule 3, for example, by facilitating participation, accountability, transparency, responsiveness, efficiency, effectiveness, equity, inclusion etc. which reduce or eliminate transaction costs, or promote ease of living of residents or enable better access to services for them.

- the eco-system and the processes involved in achievement or delivery of the benefit.
 - the type of Aadhaar authentication service proposed to be used (whether yes/no authentication or yes/no and e-KYC authentication).
 - Modes of authentication to be mentioned; Biometric(face, finger or iris), OTP or Demographic. Biometric authentication should be the preferred mode of authentication.
 - The name of proposed Authentication User Agency (AUA)/e-KYC User Agency (KUA)
 - Alternate and viable means of identification
 - Aadhaar Authentication Application Flow Diagram including deployment strategy of Application such as On-Premise/Cloud and deployment of HSM & ADV.
 - The service delivery process in the form flow chart using yes/no authentication and eKYC should be described.
 - In-principal commitment of the sponsoring Ministry/Department or State Government to comply with all security and privacy provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, regulations thereunder and guidelines issued by UIDAI from time to time.
 - Aadhaar Authentication Application and related infrastructure must be on-premise or on Government Community Cloud Service Providers only.
 - The approval of the Secretary of the Ministry/Department in the Central Government, or the State Government, as the case may be, will be required, while submitting the final application to MeitY.
9. Print out of the finally submitted application should be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
