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Subject: Usage of Aadhaar-Do's and Don'ts of the Tamper Proof QR Code scanning by residents

Aadhaar's Tamper Proof QR code is used for Offline Verification of identity without connecting to the CIDR (Central Identities Data Repository) of UIDAI. The Tamper Proof QR code is unique, encrypted and tamper-proof. It contains the photograph and demographics of the resident which cannot be duplicated as it is digitally signed. This is an essential security component that establishes the authenticity of the document, as presented by the resident seeking service from an Offline Verification Seeking Entity (OVSE). Aadhaar digitally signed Tamper Proof QR code can be read by using UIDAI's windows, android and iOS based scanners and validated with UIDAI's digital signature. These scanner applications are freely available for both Android and iOS based mobile phones as well as Windows based applications. The scanner is also available as part of UIDAI's m-Aadhaar mobile application, for both Android and iOS phones.

2.   Residents may voluntarily use the Aadhaar number for a lawful purpose, to establish their identity by way of offline verification by an OVSE. For the purpose of offline verification by an OVSE, the Aadhaar number holder may use his/her Aadhaar either in (i) the physical form like Aadhaar letter (or copy thereof) or printed e- Aadhaar or Aadhaar PVC Card.
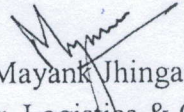
Following are the Do's and Don'ts to be followed by residents while using the Tamper Proof QR code:

Do's

1. QR Code scanner works best for PVC card, in case PVC card is not available then Do ensure to have good quality print in case of E-Aadhaar or photocopy of Aadhaar letter/PVC card.
2. Do use only STQC certified scanners available on UIDAI website while using Windows app for Tamper Proof QR code scanning.
3. Do ensure to use only UIDAI mobile applications namely **mAadhaar** and **Aadhaar QR Code scanner** for Android and iOS to read Aadhaar Tamper Proof QR code available on eAadhaar, Aadhaar letter & PVC card.
4. Do download the authorised Aadhaar QR Code scanner from the Google Play Store or the Apple store (or wherever else it is available).
5. Do note, that the Aadhaar QR Code scanner – standalone app and Windows app works without any requirement of internet connectivity.
6. Do use torch given in the app in low light conditions.
7. Do ensure to lay the Tamper Proof QR code within the rectangular box in mAadhaar for scanning.
8. Do use mAadhaar app to generate and share your Tamper Proof QR code in file format/soft copy.

Don'ts

1. Don't move the device while scanning the Tamper Proof QR code
2. Don't use the inferior/faded print or photocopy for scanning the Tamper Proof QR code.
3. Don't allow any entity to scan your Tamper Proof QR code for offline verification without your consent.

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