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Dated: 15 Jul 2025

CIRCULAR NO 2 of 2018

Subject: Partial Modification on Face Authentication Implementation

In partial modification of UIDAI Circular No. 2 of 2018 (Ref: No. K-11020/231/2018/UIDAI Auth-I) dated 15th January 2018, on the above subject, in the said circular—

- (a) Para 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9 and 10 are deleted as these are inconsistent with current developments and trends.
 - (b) Point 5 to be read as:
5. Face Authentication can be used as an alternative biometric mode of Authentication in addition to Fingerprint and Iris. It is further emphasized that the adoption of Face Authentication as an alternative modality is aimed at enhancing the inclusivity and flexibility of the Aadhaar authentication process. This step is particularly significant for individuals who may encounter difficulties with fingerprint or iris authentication due to various reasons such as age, occupation, or health conditions. By formally recognising Face Authentication, UIDAI seeks to ensure that all residents have equitable access to authentication services without facing undue hardship.
 - (c) Point 11 is newly added to intimate the stakeholders about the recent developments.
2. A copy of the said modified circular, it attached as Annex.
 3. This issues with the approval of Chief Executive Officer, UIDAI.


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Subject: Revised Clarification on Face Authentication Implementation

UIDAI Circular No. 2 of 2018 (Ref: No. K-11020/231/2018/UIDAI Auth-I) dated 15th January 2018 introduced Face Authentication, which was in-house developed authentication modality, as an additional biometric modality to augment the Aadhaar authentication ecosystem *vide* UIDAI Circular No, 13028/1/UIDAI(AUTH-I) dated 03.06.2022. In view of developments and current authentication trends, the clarifications are issued to supersede and update earlier references in the circular. Reference is also invited to UIDAI Circulars No. 07 of 2023, issued *vide* HQ-13083/6/2021-AUTH-II HQ (E-3605) 6754 dated 11.07.2023.

2. It is clarified that Face Authentication can be used as an alternative mode of biometric authentication in addition to fingerprint and iris based biometric authentication. It is further emphasised that the adoption of face authentication as an alternative modality is aimed at enhancing the inclusivity and flexibility of the Aadhaar authentication process. This step is particularly significant for individuals who may encounter difficulties with fingerprint or iris authentication due to various reasons such as age, occupation, or health conditions. By formally recognising Face Authentication, UIDAI seeks to ensure that all Aadhaar Number Holders (ANH) have equitable access to authentication services.
3. All concerned departments, agencies, and stakeholders are requested to take note of this clarification. The intent is to facilitate a seamless transition towards a more robust and user-friendly authentication framework, in line with evolving technological advancements and user needs.
4. This circular is issued with approval of the Competent Authority.


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