

## Government Notifies Voluntary Use of Aadhaar Authentication by IBPS for Candidate Verification in Examinations conducted by it

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The Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, has issued a notification published in the Gazette of India vide S.O.837 (pg.1614-15/c), authorising the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) to use Aadhaar authentication using Yes/ No or/ and e-KYC authentication facilitates, on voluntary basis, for verifying the identity of candidates during examinations and recruitment processes conducted by it. IBPS is a designated 'Public Examination Authority' under 'Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024'. The notification has been published under Rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020, read with the relevant provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016. The said notification has been issued subsequent to the authorisation by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) after consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

This initiative aims to promote Good Governance and strengthen the integrity of the recruitment process in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector by preventing impersonation and other malpractices during examination. It will ensure not only a fair and transparent recruitment process but also protect genuine candidates from being disadvantaged due to fraudulent activities. It will also simplify and expedite identity verification, reduce administrative burden and enhance public trust in the overall examination and selection system.

The Link of Gazette Notification is attached herewith (https://egazette.gov.in/(S(iqo1wzunfrxqjkhfds qkhppe))/ViewPDF.aspx)

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