



Some important advisories have been introduced about Aadhaar Authentication while obtaining GST Registration to make process smoother, faster, and more secure.

What's New in the GST Registration Process?

- Changes to the GST Rules: The rules for GST registration have been updated. Now, when you apply
 for GST, you will be identified through a Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication. This means
 that your identity will be verified by using your Aadhaar details, including a photograph and the
 documents you uploaded during your registration.
- 2. **Rollout:** This new way of verifying your details was launched on:

Date	State
1st April 2025	Assam
15th March 2025	Uttar Pradesh
15th February 2025	Jharkhand and Andaman & Nicobar
8th February 2025	Maharashtra and Lakshadweep
28th January 2025	Tamil Nadu & Himachal Pradesh
7th January 2025	Rajasthan

- 3. **Document Verification and Appointment Booking:** The said functionality also provides for the document verification and appointment booking process. After the submission of the application in Form GST REG-01, the applicant will receive either of the following links in the e-mail:
 - a) Link 1: A link to verify your identity using OTP (One-Time Password) through Aadhaar. This is the usual way of completing the registration process. If the applicant receives the link for OTP-based Aadhaar Authentication, she/he can proceed with the application as per the existing process.
 - b) Link 2: A link to book an appointment at a GST Suvidha Kendra (GSK). If you get this link, you'll need to visit the GSK for biometric authentication and to verify your documents.
- 4. What Documents to Bring to GSK: When you go to the GSK, remember to take these documents with you:
 - A copy (either on your phone or printed) of your **appointment confirmation email**.
 - Your Aadhaar card and PAN card (original copies).
 - The **original copies of the documents** you uploaded with your GST application.
- 5. What Happens at the GSK? At the GSK, your biometric data (fingerprints) will be taken, and they will also check the documents you uploaded. This is to make sure everything is correct and your application is valid.
- How Your Application Gets Processed: After you complete the biometric verification and document check, your Application Reference Number (ARN) will be generated. This number will help you track your application's progress.

- 7. **Booking Your Appointment on Time:** Make sure to book your appointment before the maximum permissible period as indicted to you in the intimation email. In such cases, ARNs will be generated once the Biometric-based Aadhaar Authentication process and document verification are completed.
- 8. **GSK Working Hours:** Each GSK has its own working hours. Make sure you check the timing mentioned in the email or on the official website for the GSK you are visiting.

Final Thoughts:

These changes are meant to make the process safer and more efficient. By using your Aadhaar for identity verification, we can ensure that only the correct person is applying for GST registration. It also helps speed up the entire process.

These updates are designed to make the GST registration process simpler and faster. By following the new steps and keeping the required documents ready, you can ensure that your registration process goes smoothly and securely.

