

**Exemption from requirement of quoting Aadhaar Card Number  
by NRIs/ PIOs/ OCIs Card holders**

As per Section 3 (1) of the Aadhaar Act 2016, **Aadhaar Card enrolment is presently available to only residents in India**. NRIs, although they are citizens of India, **are not eligible for Aadhaar Card if they have not stayed in India for more than 182 days in the last 12 months**. NRIs can thus apply for Aadhaar Card only after completing 182 days of stay in India after their return to India. Similarly, **OCI Cardholders, who stay in India for a long time (over 182 days in twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for enrolment) and have an Indian address, can enroll for Aadhaar Card in India**.

2. As per Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act 2016, the Aadhaar Card requirement does not apply to the individual, who is not eligible for issuance of the same.
3. **Therefore, the provisions of Section 139AA of Income Tax Act 1961, regarding linking of Aadhaar to PAN or the requirement of quoting the Aadhaar number in the I.T. Return, as well as the provisions of Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules 2017, regarding linking of Aadhaar to Bank Accounts, shall not apply to a non-resident (NRI/ PIO/ OCI), who is not eligible to get Aadhaar Card.”**

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