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**Subject: Introduction of new guidelines with regard to issuance of fresh passport ( first time use) under normal category on Post Police Verification basis**

To render faster and secure passport services for the benefit of the citizens, the Ministry of External Affairs has decided to implement a new procedure for issue of fresh passports (not reissue cases).

Now onwards, the Passport Issuing Authorities in India would consider issue of passport to first time applicants applying under normal category , on post police verification basis provided the applicants furnish the following three documents and an affidavit in the on Annexure I ( Affidavit format available on [www.passportindia.gov.in](http://www.passportindia.gov.in))

- i) **Aadhaar Card / Aadhaar letter/E- Aadhaar print out**
- ii) **Election Photo Identity Card ( EPIC)**
- iii) **Permanent Account Number ( PAN) Card**

This new procedure will be subject to positive online validation of Aadhaar Number. In addition, EPIC and PAN may also be validated, if required, from respective database.

There would be no additional fee payable by the passport applicant to avail this procedure. However, if the applicant seeks to obtain passport under Tatkaal, submitting the above mentioned three documents and paying additional tatkal fee, his application may be processed under Tatkaal Category.

The police verification for normal applicants used to take around 21 to 40 days in Pune Passport Region (Pune, Satara, Sangli , Kolhapur, Solapur, Ahmednagar , Satara Districts). The above step will reduce the passport issuance time to a great extent even in normal category.

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***(Under Post police verification passport is issued first and the Police verification happens later. Applicants should ensure that they complete the police verification otherwise their passport could be impounded/revoked after following the due legal procedure)***