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**PRESS RELEASE**

While “Aadhaar” has been made mandatory for filing of Income Tax Return as well as for seeking PAN (Permanent Account Number) cards, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi has now clarified that mandatory quoting of Aadhaar for PAN applications and filing Income Tax Return shall not apply to a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) as he/she is not eligible to get “Aadhaar”.  Only a resident Indian is entitled to an Aadhaar Card.

2.  Please note that Aadhaar Card is not mandatory for obtaining Driving License or a SIM card in India.  It is only one of several documents recognized for address proof of the applicant.

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