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# Aadhaar now mandatory for EPF pension scheme

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The Centre has made obtaining an Aadhaar number mandatory for 2.5 crore members of the

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The Labour Ministry said in a notification that those without an Aadhaar number will have to make an application to get enrolled by January 31, 2017.

The subsidy, equivalent to 1.16 per cent of the employee's salary upto Rs. 6,500, paid by the Centre towards the EPS, will no longer be credited till the Aadhaar number is shared with the authorities.

## **Proof mandatory**

"Members and pensioners of the Employees' Pension Scheme desirous of continuing to avail pension and membership to the Employees' Pension Scheme by availing the Central Government's contribution and subsidy under the said scheme, are hereby required to furnish proof of the possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication," a notification issued by Union Labour and Employment Ministry on January 4 said.

According to the notification, till the time a subscriber gets enrolled for Aadhaar, the central government will provide pension subsidy under the Scheme only after certain documents are produced, including identity certificate issued by the employer and a copy of the request made for Aadhaar enrolment.

These documents will have to be submitted to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation or EPFO along with either of the following documents: voter ID card, passport, PAN card, driving license or a certificate of identity approved by a gazetted officer.

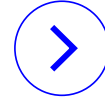
## **Minimum pension**

At present, the minimum pension under EPS is Rs. 1,000 per month and an employee can receive pension only after a minimum 10 years of service.

The Centre contributes 1.16 per cent of the employee's salary towards the scheme along with employer contribution of 8.33 per cent of the salary.

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