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Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
Unique Identification Authority of India  
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**Circular No. 04 of 2023**

**Subject:- Revising License Fee for AUA/KUA based on their transaction volume.**

Reference is invited to UIDAI's circular No. K-11022/630/2017-UIDAI(Auth-II), dated 31-05-2017 which introduced license fees to be paid by Authentication User Agencies (AUAs), e-KYC User Agencies(KUAs) w.e.f. 01-06-2017 valid for a period of 2 years, as depicted in the table below:

Category of Entity	Environment	License fees (in Rs.)	Validity
AUA/KUA	Pre-production	5 lakh	3 months
	Production	20 lakh	2 years

2. There has been a demand to review license fees particularly for such entities which do lesser number of authentication transactions and are having small capital structure and may require support in terms of reduced license fee. The same has been reviewed and following has been decided by the competent authority of UIDAI.

- 05/04/2023
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- (i) The AUAs performing upto 5 lakh transactions per year to be charged at ₹5 lakh for 2 years.
  - (ii) The AUAs performing 5 lakh to 20 lakh transactions per year to be charged at ₹10 lakh for 2 years.
  - (iii) The AUAs performing more than 20 lakh transactions per year to be charged at current rate i.e. ₹ 20 lakh for 2 years.
  - (iv) The newly onboarded AUAs may be granted free of cost access to pre-production environment for first three months. Further, if they move into production within the period of three months of onboarding into pre-production, they will pay full license fee for production environment at prescribed rates wef date of start of pre-production.

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- (v) If the entity fails to move into production within three months of grant of free access to pre-production environment, it will have to pay pre-production license fee of Rs. 5 lakh valid for first three months for the free access period as well as each subsequent renewal. This is to incentivise entities for speedier onboarding as AUA/KUA in production environment.
- (vi) The entities will be on-boarded initially on the basis of transaction estimates provided by them and license fees will be charged as per the applicable slab as mentioned above. However, at the time of subsequent renewal if the entity is found to have performed higher number of transactions, then differential amount of license fees of higher slab as mentioned above will be recovered along with interest @18% per annum. Such a provision is warranted in order to enable UIDAI to plan for the infrastructure requirements based on the number of expected authentication transactions. Any wide variation in projected number of authentication transactions may potentially affect the entire authentication ecosystem. Further, if the entity would have performed lesser number of transactions compared to initially submitted transactions estimate, no benefit of lower slab will be admissible. Hence, entities are advised to provide their estimates carefully.
3. This shall come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.

  
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To

- (i) All Authentication Service Agencies,  
(ii) All Authentication User Agencies/eKYC User Agencies

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- (i) All Secretaries (Govt. of India)/Chief Secretaries of all State/Union Territories  
(ii) OSD to the CEO, UIDAI  
(iii) All DDGs(HQs, ROs, Tech Centers)