

Aadhaar Virtual ID (VID)

16-digit Virtual ID — a temporary mapping to Aadhaar.

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^[2-9]\d{15}$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
[2-9]	any of: 2–9
\d{15}	exactly 15 times: digit (0–9)
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^[2-9]\d{15}\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^[2-9]\d{15}\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^[2-9]\d{15}\$").matcher(value).matches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^[2-9]\d{15}\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^[2-9]\d{15}\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>
Ruby	<pre>/^[2-9]\d{15}\$/ .match?(value)</pre>
PHP	<pre>preg_match('~^[2-9]\d{15}\$~', \$value);</pre>

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses ^ and \$, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (g) flag.
- **Escape it correctly per language.** In Java and JavaScript strings each backslash must be doubled (\d); in Python, Go, and C# use raw/verbatim strings so the backslashes survive.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the aadhaar virtual id (vid) against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.