

PAN (Permanent Account Number)

10-character tax ID issued by India's Income Tax Department.

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^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
[A-Z]{5}	exactly 5 times: any of: uppercase letters
[0-9]{4}	exactly 4 times: any of: digits
[A-Z]	any of: uppercase letters
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$").matcher(value).matches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>
Ruby	<pre>/^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$/ .match?(value)</pre>
PHP	<pre>preg_match('~^[A-Z]{5}[0-9]{4}[A-Z]\$~', \$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.
- **Uppercase only.** Ranges like [A-Z] won't match lowercase. Add a-z (or the i flag) if lowercase input should be accepted.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the pan (permanent account number) against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.