

The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

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The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is a 20-character alpha-numeric code used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions worldwide. It has been implemented to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data reporting systems for better risk management.

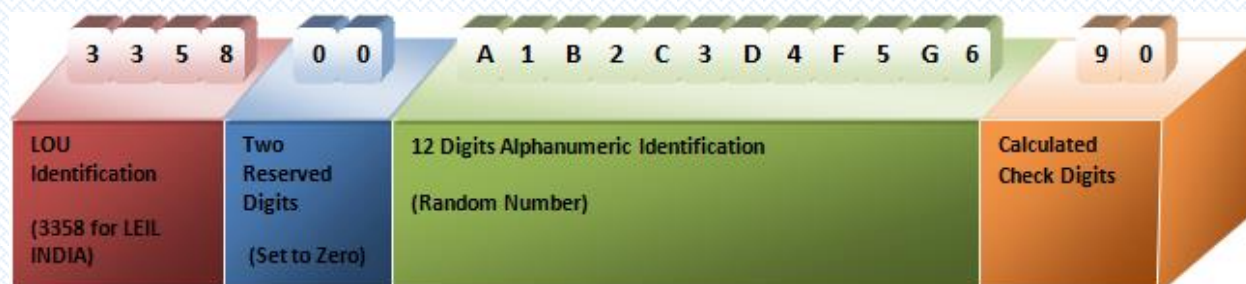
It can be obtained from any of the Local Operating Units (LOUs) accredited by the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF), the body tasked to support the implementation and use of LEI. In India, LEI can be obtained from Legal Entity Identifier India Ltd. (LEIL) (<https://www.ccilindia-lei.co.in>), which is also recognized as an issuer of LEI by the Reserve Bank.



About- Legal Entity Identifier India Limited (CIN-U74900MH2015PLC268921) – A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of **The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd.** acts as a Local Operating Unit (LOU) for issuing globally compatible Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) in India.

What is the LEI code?

The structure of the global LEI is determined in detail by ISO Standard 17442 and takes into account Financial Stability Board (FSB) stipulations



Timeline for obtaining LEI by borrowers

RBI on dated 21.04.2022 has advised that non-individual borrowers enjoying aggregate exposure of ₹5 crore and above from banks¹ and financial institutions (FIs) shall be required to obtain LEI codes as per the timeline given below:

Timeline for obtaining LEI by borrowers

Total Exposure	LEI to be obtained on or before
Above ₹25 crore	April 30, 2023
Above ₹10 crore, up to ₹25 crore	April 30, 2024
₹5 crore and above, up to ₹10 crore	April 30, 2025

Borrowers who fail to obtain LEI codes from an authorized Local Operating Unit (LOU) shall not be sanctioned any new exposure nor shall they be granted renewal/enhancement of any existing exposure.

DATA as on 09.10.2022

New Issuance	Modification	Renewal	Port-IN	Port-OUT	Pending Applications	Rejected Applications	Total LEI with LEIL
51750	3164	91706	223	1165	237	3851	50808

Revised Charges for LEI Issuance w.e.f July 1, 2022

For New Registration: For 1 year Rs.4250 + 765 (18% GST) = Rs.5,015. Maximum validity of registration is 5 years than renewal is required.

Rubix as Validation Agent of LEIL in India

LEIL has appointed Rubix Data Sciences Private Limited (<https://rubixds.com/>) , a technology driven analytics-based company , as its first Validation Agent . Rubix partners with LEIL to carry out validation process while issuing /renewing LEIs to Indian entities.

Which transactions should include LEI information?

All single payment transactions of ₹50 crore and above undertaken by entities (non-individuals) should include remitter and beneficiary LEI information. This is applicable to transactions undertaken through the NEFT and RTGS payment systems.

It is not necessary for Governments or their Departments / Ministries to obtain LEI or mention LEI number for payment transactions in NEFT and RTGS. However, Corporations / Undertakings, including those fully owned by the Government, shall need to obtain LEI.

No, LEI is not required for customer transactions where both remitter and beneficiary are individuals. For transactions, where either or both parties are non-individual/s, LEI will be required.

How much time to get registration?

An LEI number is usually issued within 1-2 working days of payment. If the legal structure of the company (consolidation group) is complex and additional information is required, it may take longer to issue the code.