

Know Your PAN Structure | Know your Pan Detail about its characters

In a written note, the [Ministry of Finance](#) informed the Public Accounts Committee that PAN was generated using five parameters identifying a specific individual viz:-

- Full name
- Date of Birth/incorporation
- Status
- Gender in case of individual
- Father's name in case of individuals (including married ladies)

These five fields, referred to as 'core fields' were considered essential without which PAN could not be allotted. The Ministry used phonetic/soundex algorithm to ensure uniqueness. PANs were allotted centrally by using customized software for all-India uniqueness that generated a 10 [character](#) number on the basis of the information of the five core-fields of the person in the following structure:

