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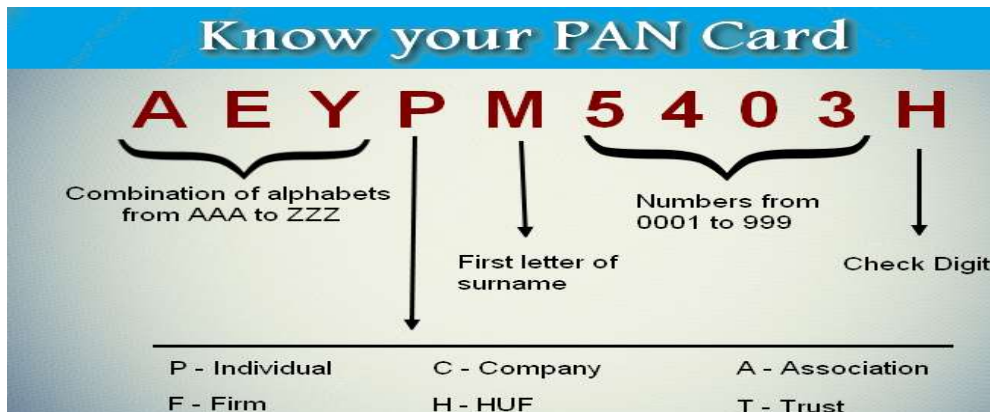
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Introduction :

A PAN is short form of Permanent Account Number which is a unique 10-digit alpha-numeric code, issued by Income tax department as tax identification number. It is very important source of information which can be used to identify taxpayer and his/her address from government records. Now government has made mandatory use of PAN for certain high value transactions and tracking of financial & data analytics for anti tax avoidance measure. PAN application collects basic information as name, address proof, residential status, etc & if any changes needed then need to be uploaded from time to time as per legal requirement.

Steps for a PAN number decoding :



1. The first three characters represents the series starting from AAA to ZZZ.
2. The fourth character represents the status of the PAN holder.
 - C - Company.
 - P – Person/ Individual.
 - H – HUF (Hindu Undivided Family).
 - F – Partnership Firm & LLP
 - A – Association of Persons (AOP).
 - T – Trust.

- **B – Body of Individuals (BOI).**
 - **L – Local Authority.**
 - **J – Artificial Juridical Person.**
 - **G – Government.**
- 3. The fifth character represents either the first character of your surname (in case of a person) or name of the entity (in all other cases).**
 - 4. The sixth to ninth characters represents sequential number running from 0001 to 9999.**
 - 5. The last character is an alphabetic check digit that is been generated by applying formula to the preceding nine letters and numbers.**