

## **Why do you need a Ration Card in Bihar?**

A Ration Card is an extremely useful document that serves Indian citizens in many ways. It not only helps in saving money by enabling citizens to purchase all essentials at highly subsidized prices but also serves as a very important identification proof.

When applying for various procedures such as application for Domicile Certificate, Electoral Rolls Name inclusion, etc, you need to submit a proof of identification- the ration card can serve your purpose. Blue Cards are given to families living in poverty- these cards entitle them to special benefits and subsidies. Temporary IRation Cards are also issued to citizens in addition to the permanent Ration Cards- these are only valid for a few months.

## **How to Apply for a Ration Card in Bihar**

If you wish to apply for a new ration card in Bihar, follow the process given below to get your card in the fastest possible manner:

**Step-1:** Procure the application form for a new ration card from your Circle

**Step-2:** Keep the passport-sized photos of the head of the household handy when you apply. These should be attested by a MLA, MP, Municipal Councillor or a gazetted officer. Also, you need to submit the residential address proof and the Certificate of Deletion or Surrender of your previous card, if any.

**Step-3:** Spot inquiries would be conducted by the circle FSO, M.O. or S.I. should you fail to submit a proof of residence. The statements of two neighborhood witnesses

**Step-4:** Once you submit the completed application form along with all requisite documents, it would take approximately 15 days.

## **Eligibility conditions for issuance of new Ration Card**

The following conditions must be met by the applicant in order to obtain a new Ration Card. The following conditions would also be recorded.

for a new Ration Card in Bihar:

1. The applicant must be a citizen of India.
2. The applicant must be a resident (permanent) of the region.
3. No previous ration card should be held by the applicant.

## **Documents to be submitted for a new Ration Card**

Make sure you submit the following documents when you apply for a new ration card in Bihar state:

1. Passport-sized photos of the head of the household attested by a MLA, MP, Municipal Councillor or a gazetted officer.
2. The residential address proof
3. Certificate of Deletion or Surrender of your previous card, if any. Spot inquiries would be conducted by the circle FSO, M.O. or S.I. should you fail to submit a proof of residence. The statements of two neighborhood witnesses would also be recorded.

### **How to Add or Delete Names to Ration Cards in Bihar**

If you wish to have a name added to your ration card (in case of a marriage in the family or a birth in the household) or have names removed from the existing ration card in case of the demise of a family member or a marriage in the family, you can have this done in accordance with the provisions laid down by the Government.

Contact your nearest ration card office for the application forms and other details. Make sure you completely fill the form with all details. Also enclose all requisite documents with your application.

### **Categories of Ration Cards in Bihar**

The following categories of ration cards are provided to citizens of Bihar:

1. Above Poverty Line (APL) Cards: These ration cards are given to those families that live above the line of poverty.
2. BPL- Below Poverty Line Cards: These types of cards are provided to those households that live in poverty.
3. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) cards: The AAY cards are provided to the economically weakest sections of the societies.