



Understanding TIN

A TIN stands for Taxpayer Identification Number.

In Bangladesh, it is a unique 12-digit number issued by the National Board of Revenue (NBR). Think of it as your "ID card" for financial and business matters. The government uses it to track tax payments and monitor economic activity.

Why do you need it?

You cannot do most "official" business or financial tasks without it. You must have a TIN to:

- Get a Trade License (as mentioned for your business).
- Open a Credit Card.
- Obtain a loan over Tk. 5 Lakh.
- Buy a car or land.
- Import products (getting an IRC).
- Run for any election.

Is it expensive?

No, it is 100% Free. There is no government fee to register for a TIN. You can do it yourself online in about 10–15 minutes.

The "Trap" (Very Important)

This is the most critical part people forget: Getting a TIN is easy, but maintaining it requires action.

- Once you have a TIN, you **MUST** file a Tax Return every year.
- Even if you earn Tk. 0, you still have to file a "Zero Return" to tell the government, "I have a TIN, but I made no taxable money this year."
- If you get a TIN but don't file the return, you can face fines later.

How to get one?

You do not need to go to a tax office.

1. Go to the official NBR E-TIN website (secure.incometax.gov.bd).
2. Register with your Mobile Number.
3. Enter your NID Number and Date of Birth.
4. The system verifies your identity instantly and generates your TIN Certificate (a PDF file).

