

Embassy of India,
Tokyo

Subject: Press Release on Re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card due to issuance of new foreign passports to OCI cardholders.

In order to streamline the process of Re-issuance of OCI Cards, the Government of India has decided the following:

- (i) The existing mandatory requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card **each time** a new passport is issued to a foreigner up to **20 years of age**, and **once** after completing **50 years of age**, has been **dispensed** with.
- (ii) OCI cardholders are now required to get the OCI card **re-issued once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age** so as to capture his/her facial features on attaining adulthood. For this purpose, the OCI cardholder shall submit an **online** application under OCI Miscellaneous Services with a required fee. After submission of application, uploading of requisite documents and payment of fee, the applicant will have to visit the Embassy along with original documents for verification of documents. The application will thereafter be processed by the Embassy.
- (iii) OCI cardholders would be required to **upload ONLINE**, under OCI Miscellaneous Services, a copy of the new passport and a latest photo each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and **once** after completing 50 years of age. The uploading of these documents may be done within **three months** of receipt of the new passport. This service will be provided on **Gratis** basis.
- (iv) Foreign spouse of an Indian citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI Card holder is required to upload **online**, under OCI Miscellaneous Services, a copy of his/her new passport, latest photo, a declaration regarding subsisting of marriage and a copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse or OCI card & passport of the OCI Cardholder, each time a new passport is issued. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI Card holder's foreign spouse within three months of receipt of his/her new passport. This service will be provided on **Gratis** basis.
- (v) Immediately on uploading of the documents mentioned in (iii) and (iv) above, an auto email will be sent by the system to the OCI cardholder, confirming that the documents have been successfully uploaded.
- (vi) There will be no restriction on the OCI Cardholder to travel to/from India during the period from the date of issue of new passport till date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the online system.
- (vii) Timeline for re-issuance of OCI Card for OCI cardholders who may be required to get their OCI Card re-issued **has further been extended till 31 December 2022**.
- (viii) It has also been decided that, subject to MHA's extant guidelines regarding entry of OCI Cardholders in India, such OCI Cardholders will be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI Cards bearing old passport number, subject to the condition that the OCI Cardholder will have to travel along with new passport.
- (ix) Appropriate modifications have been made in the OCI Miscellaneous Services portal to implement the above.

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