

High Commission of India
Canberra

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Subject: Press Release on Re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card

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 upto **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 only once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age.**
- (iii) OCI cardholders would be required to **upload ONLINE** a copy of the **new passport and a latest photo each time** a new passport is issued upto 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. The 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** 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 on the online system, each time a new passport is issued. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI Card holder foreign spouse within three months of receipt of his/her new passport.
- (v) 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 the date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the online system.
- (vi) Timeline for reissuance of OCI Card for OCI cardholders who may be required to get their OCI Card re-issued has been extended till 31 December 2021.
- (vii) Appropriate modifications are being made in the OCI Miscellaneous Services portal to implement the above. This is expected to be launched by end May, 2021. OCI cardholders are therefore requested to wait for the updation of the portal before submitting any application for re-issue of OCI card.

