

Revised guidelines for re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)

Government of India has revised instructions/guidelines on '**Re-issuance of OCI cards due to Issuance of new foreign passports to OCI cardholders.**'

(i) 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** is **dispensed** with.

(ii) OCI cardholder is required to get the OCI card **re-issued only once** when a **new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age** so as to capture his/her facial features.

(iii) OCI cardholder is required to **upload ONLINE** 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.

(iv) Foreign Spouse of an Indian Citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder are required to upload a copy of the **new passport and also a latest photo ONLINE** each time a new passport is issued **along with a declaration on subsisting of marriage**, copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse/passport & OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse.

(In case of (iii) and (iv), please visit <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome> and select the option '**OCI Miscellaneous Services**' for uploading copy of the passport, recent photograph and other documents. **No document submission is needed at the Embassy. This service is *Gratis/Free*.**

In case of (ii) applicants need to send the miscellaneous application by registered post along with supporting documents (please see details on Indian embassy website).

2. Timeline for re-issuance of OCI card in r/o OCI cardholders who may be required to get their OCI card re-issued, has been extended till December 31, 2021.

3. The requirement of carrying old and new passports, along with the OCI card, has been done away with. Henceforth, an OCI cardholder traveling on the strength of existing OCI card bearing old passport number is not required to carry the old passport. However, carrying the new (current) passport is mandatory.

Note:- Applications for re-issuance of OCI Card may be sent to the Embassy (for change of Personal Particulars viz. name, father's name and nationality etc. and Loss/Damage of OCI Card)