



**Consulate General of India
St. Petersburg**

PRESS RELEASE regarding OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA (OCI) CARD

1. The following OCI guidelines have been in force since 2005 with respect to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders:

OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the card holder up to the age of 20 years.

OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.

Re-issuance of OCI card is not required each time a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age.

2. **Government of India has decided to grant temporary relaxation to these rules, till 30th June 2020 in the following cases:**

- a. In case an OCI card holder below the age of 20 years has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport, he/she may travel on the strength of his/her existing OCI card bearing old passport number, subject to the condition that along with the new passport, the OCI cardholder carries old passport mentioned in the existing OCI card.
- b. In case an OCI card holder who has attained the age of 50 years and has got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued on renewal of his/her passport, he/she may travel on the strength of the existing OCI card along with the old and new passports.

3. **It is, however, advised that OCI cardholders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in Para 1 above and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules.**

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