



**Consulate General of India
(Saint Petersburg)**

PRESS RELEASE

PIO Card Validity Extended up to December 31, 2025

Indian Immigration will accept all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards, along with a valid foreign passport, as a valid travel documents till December 31, 2025 instead of the earlier deadline of December 31, 2024.

2. Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till December 31, 2025. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime, any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts.

3. All PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on January 9, 2015 are meanwhile advised to convert their PIO card to OCI card by December 31, 2025.

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