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

Government of India has revised following instructions / guidelines on "Re-issue of OCI Cards due to issuance of new foreign passport to OCI Card holders:

- (i) The existing 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 is dispensed with.
- (ii) OCI cardholder is 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 cardholder is required to upload a copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder and also a latest photo on the online system under OCI Miscellaneous Services (<https://ociservices.gov.in>) each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI cardholder within three months of receipt of the new passport. This service will be provided on Gratis basis.
- (iv) In case of those who have been registered as OCI cardholder on the basis of spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder, such OCI cardholder is required to upload a copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder and also a latest photo on the online system under OCI Miscellaneous Services (<https://ociservices.gov.in>) each time a new passport is issued. In such cases, the OCI cardholder and his/her Indian spouse or OCI cardholder spouse will have to give a declaration that their marriage is still subsisting. Copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse / passport and OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse shall also be uploaded in such cases. These documents may be uploaded by the OCI cardholder foreigner 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 email will be auto sent by the system to the OCI cardholder confirming that the documents have been successfully uploaded followed by another acknowledgement email informing that the updated details have been taken on record.
- (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 the date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the system.

2. Necessary changes to upload documents in the OCI Portal to facilitate above services to OCI cardholders will be done soon.

3. In the meantime, the timeline for re-issue of OCI Card in respect of OCI Card holders, who may be required to get their OCI Card re-issued, has been extended till 31 December 2021. The OCI Card holders travelling on the strength of their existing OCI Card bearing old passport number are not required to carry their old passport. However, carrying of new passport is mandatory.

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