



**Embassy of India
Abu Dhabi**

Press Release – Instructions about re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card.

As per existing instructions on OCI cards, in view of biological changes to the face of an applicant, the OCI Cardholder registration is required to be re-issued each time a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years of age, and once after completing 50 years of age. With a view to avoid inconvenience to such OCI cardholders, it has now been decided to grant extension of time till 31st December, 2020 to OCI Cardholders to get their OCI cards re-issued.

As and when the prohibition on international air travel is lifted by the Government of India and the status of OCI card as a lifelong visa for travel to/from India is restored, such OCI cardholders would be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI cards bearing their old passport number. However, this will be subject to the condition that the OCI cardholder will have to travel along with their old and new passports and the OCI card having the old passport number.

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