

Consulate General of India
Saint Denis, Reunion Island

New Guidelines for Re-issuance of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Cards due to issuance of new foreign passports to OCI Card holders

The Government of India has simplified the requirement of renewal of OCI card each time a new passport is issued to OCI cardholder. The mandatory requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card each time a new passport is issued to a OCI card upto 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age has been dispensed with. The simplified guidelines are as follows:

Category I – OCI Card issued on the basis of Indian origin/descent

A. Upto the age of 20 years, each time a new passport is issued:

(i) **No need of renewal of OCI Card.** Only the **following documents are to be uploaded** at OCI portal under OCI Miscellaneous Service application:

- Copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder;
- Latest photo of the OCI cardholder
- For this purpose, an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online
- Auto generated email will be sent to the applicant confirming that documents have been successfully uploaded.
- 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.
- The uploading of these documents may be done **within 3 months of receipts of the new passport.**

B. Above the age of 20 years when a new passport is obtained.

- OCI card is required **to be renewed only once** when a new passport is obtained.
- An OCI Miscellaneous application is required to be filled online and to be submitted to the Indian Consulate along with original documents with requisite fee.

C. Above the age of 50 years when a new passport is obtained

The following documents are to be uploaded **only once** at OCI portal under OCI Miscellaneous Service application:

- Copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder;
- Latest photo of the OCI cardholder
- For this purpose, an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online.
- Auto generated email will be sent to the applicant confirming that documents have been successfully uploaded.
- 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.
- The uploading of these documents may be done **within 3 months of receipts of the new passport.**

Category II - OCI Cards issued to foreign spouse of Indian nationals/OCI cardholders:

Each time a new passport is issued : The following documents are to be uploaded at the OCI portal under OCI Miscellaneous Service application:

- Copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder;
- Latest photo of the OCI cardholder
- Declaration from the OCI cardholder and his/her Indian spouse or OCI cardholder spouse stating that their marriage is still subsisting.
- Copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse/passport and OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse

- For this purpose, an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online.
- Auto generated email will be sent to the applicant confirming that documents have been successfully uploaded.
- 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 online system.

The uploading of these documents may be done **within 3 months of receipts of the new passport**
