

**Instructions about re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
cards – reg.**

(i) OCI cardholder is required to get the OCI card re-issued only once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age. To avoid inconvenience to such OCI cardholders in view of Covid-19 pandemic, Ministry has further extended the time for re-issuance of OCI cards in such cases until **31 December 2022**.

(ii) It may please be noted that subject to MHA's extant guidelines regarding entry of OCI cardholders in India, such OCI cardholders will be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI cards bearing old passport number subject to the condition that the OCI cardholder will have to travel along with new passport.

(iii) Mandatory requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card each time a new passport is issued to a foreigner up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age is dispensed with.

(iv) OCI cardholder is required to upload under OCI 'Miscellaneous Services' a copy of the new passport and a latest photo each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. The uploading of these documents may be done within three months of receipt of the new passport. The service will be provided on **Gratis** basis.

(v) Foreign Spouse of an Indian Citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder are required to upload a copy of the new passport and also a latest photo on designated link provided under 'Miscellaneous Services' each time a new passport is issued along with a declaration on subsisting of marriage, copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse/passport & OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse.

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