

**High Commission of India  
Canberra**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that the OCI Card holders are facing inconvenience/difficulty in travelling to India due to the existing guidelines on re-issuance of OCI Card.

**1. The following OCI guidelines have been in force since 2005:**

- *OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the age of 20 years;*
- *OCI card is required to be re-issued **once** on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age; and*
- *Re-issuance of OCI card is **not required each time** a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age.*

**2. This is to inform that the Government of India has now decided to grant temporary relaxation till **30th June 2020** in the following cases:**

- *In case an OCI card holder below the age of 20 years has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport, he/she may travel on the strength of his/her existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that along with the new passport, the OCI cardholder carries old passport mentioned in the OCI card; and*
- *In case an OCI card holder who has attained the age of 50 years and has got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued on renewal of his/her passport, he/she may travel on the strength of the existing OCI card along with the old and new passports.*

**3. It is, however, advised that OCI cardholders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in Para 1 above and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules.**



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