Subject: Relaxation on re-issuance of OCI card till 30th June, 2020.

The following OCI guidelines have been in force since 2005:

i. OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the
cardholder up to the age of 20 years.
ii. OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after
completing 50 years of age.
iii. 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 Government of India has decided to grant temporary
relaxation till 30th June 2020 in the following cases:
   
   i. 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.
   ii. 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.

4. The two Advisories issued by High Commission dated 23.10.2019 and

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