



High Commission of India  
London

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**Subject: Relaxation on re-issuance of OCI card till 31st December, 2021.**

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 in order to ease the travel of such OCI card holders who are required to get their OCI card reissued as per the extant guidelines, Government of India has decided the following:-
- i. The time line for re-issuance of OCI cards in respect of OCI card holders, who may be required to get their OCI card reissued has, been extended until 31.12.2021.
  - ii. Requirement of carrying old and new passports along with the OCI card has been done away with. Henceforth, the OCI card holders travelling on the strength of their existing OCI card bearing old passport number are not required to carry their old passport. However, carrying of new passport is mandatory.
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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