

FOREIGN SPOUSE CASES - PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Important information regarding submission of OCI application applying on 'Foreign spouse' category.

As per new OCI guidelines, it is now mandatory to have an initial verification interview of the applicants (foreign spouses) who are applying for OCI Card on the basis of Indian origin spouse. A personal interview shall be conducted by the Indian Mission/Post/FRRO concerned at the time of document verification and the application shall be acknowledged on the online system only after the personal interview and establishing the suitability of the applicant for registration as OCI card holder. The applicant and his / her spouse can visit the Consulate General of India, Birmingham, with prior appointment. The appointment can be sought on oci.birmingham@mea.gov.in

OCI Card

Overseas Card of India (OCI) Brief

○ **WHO CAN APPLY??**

- If you have Indian passport of your own and have a surrender Certificate OR you have your Parents' or Grand Parents' Indian passport and can establish your relation with them , you can apply ;
- Also if your spouse is/was Indian Passport OR OCI holder , you can apply on his/her basis provided you have marriage registered not less than 02 years ;
- Minor children with single parent if they have custody papers from court and if the other parent is **not Pakistani or Bangladeshi** ;
- If you have **none** of the above documents, you can still apply with a **Nativity Certificate, issued by the State Gov. by District Collector/District Magistrate** ;

○ **WHO CAN'T APPLY!!**

- Military/Defence/Law personnel serving or retired cant apply ;
- If you, your parent, grandparent on whose basis OCI applied is/had been ever a citizen of Bangladesh or Pakistan then you can't apply for OCI ;

○ **HOW TO APPLY??**

Apply here: <https://ociservices.gov.in/>

Fill the online form, upload clear/professional and decent photo with signature, upload all documents of your eligibility/basis and take print, sign the application and submit to the nearest VFS centre (Bradford, Leicester, Birmingham, Liverpool or Manchester, whichever suits you!)

○ **FEES???**

● **How much??**

Fresh application: £ 200; PIO to OCI : £75; Miscellaneous Service(passport change/Address change /renunciation of OCI etc) : £ 21 ; Lost OCI : £75; These are basic fees, VFS service charges not included ;

● **Where??**

Fees will be taken at VFS centre at the time of submission of application;

○ **TIME OF PROCESSING??**

- For Fresh application –i.e First time OCI : 04-12 weeks ;
- For Misc OCI : 01 week ;

○ **CAN'T AVOID TRAVEL TO INDIA –ANY URGENCY??**

● **Apply for e-visa here : <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>**

This one you will get online and will receive online(on email) within 72 working hours ; **OR**

● **Apply for Emergency Visa here : <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>**

Fill the form , take print and come to the Indian Consulate b/w 10am-12 noon any day with cash fee of £ 168/- and get your visa in an hour ; **OR**

- Drop us an email at inf.birmingham@mea.gov.in : Write your OCI file no(GBRB*****) and travel date in subject line ;

***** We make all the possible efforts to serve you the Best .Keep Patience, OCI is a Life-time Visa to India with numerous benefits *****