

Subject: Advisory on Re-issue of OCI Card

Government of India vide orders dated 16.04.2021 has now dispensed with the requirement to re-issue 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.

2. In case the existing OCI card holder wishes to update the latest information about his latest passport, change in address/Occupation/Contact details, the OCI card holder can select the option as given below and upload the latest photograph and requisite documents. These details shall be updated into the OCI system records and an acknowledgement shall be shared with OCI card holder on his/her registered email ID. The services under these categories are gratis in nature:

- (i) In case issuance of new Passport Details (each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age);
- (ii) In case change in address/occupation/contact details.

Please note that in above categories, the applicant will not get a new printed OCI Card. The applicant will only receive an email acknowledgement conveying the updated details in OCI system. There is no need to submit the above services application to the High Commission or Consulate General, as the case may be.

3. The re-issuance of new OCI card will be applicable for following categories:

- (i) In case of issuance of new passport after completing 20 years of age.
- (ii) In case of change of personal particulars viz. name, father's name, nationality etc.
- (iii) In case of loss/damage of OCI registration certificate.

In above cases, the applicant will receive a new printed OCI Card. After completing the OCI Misc Service application in above categories, the application has to be submitted to VFS Global (Outsourced Service Provider).

4. Those who have been registered as OCI cardholder as spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder will be required to upload a copy of the new passport containing the photo and also a latest photo on the online system each time a new passport is issued, along with a declaration signed by the OCI cardholder and his/ her Indian spouse or OCI cardholder spouse to the effect that their marriage is still subsisting.

5. Furthermore, OCI Card holders require special permission to undertake following activities in India:

- (i) to undertake research;
- (ii) to undertake any Missionary or Tabligh or Mountaineering or Journalistic activities;
- (iii) to undertake internship in any foreign Diplomatic Missions or foreign Government organisations in India or to take up employment in any foreign Diplomatic Missions in India;
- (iv) to visit any place which falls within the Protected or Restricted or prohibited areas as notified by the Government of India or competent authority.

6. Appropriate modifications have been made in the OCI Miscellaneous Services portal (<https://ociservices.gov.in>) to implement the above decisions and to seek permission to undertake activities mentioned in Para 5 above. OCI Miscellaneous Service applicants are advised to take the benefit of above decisions.

