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Extension of timeline for handwritten travel Document/PIO cards beyond 30 September 2020

This is in continuation of earlier communications regarding the deadline for acceptance of handwritten travel document, including Person of Indian Overseas (PIO) Cards by the Indian immigration authorities, and the advice to all PIO cardholders to get Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards immediately.

2. It is hereby informed that the Bureau of Immigration will continue to accept PIO Cards as valid travel document till 31 December, 2021 along with valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till 31 December 2021.

3. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from the Embassy/Consulate.

4. All the PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on 09 January 2015 are once again advised to apply for conversion of PIO card to OCI card at the earliest possible.

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