

**Consulate General of India
Sao Paulo

PRESS RELEASE

Visa and travel restriction in response to COVID-19 : Relaxation for OCI & PIO Cardholders and foreign nationals

Government of India had restricted the entry of all foreign nationals (including OCI & PIO Cardholders) as part of measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. It has now been decided to relax travel restrictions and following categories of foreign nationals, including OCI & PIO Cardholders, are permitted to enter India:

- (a) All OCI cardholders and PIO cardholders holding passports of any country.
- (b) All foreign nationals intending to visit India for any purpose (including their dependents on appropriate category of dependent visa) [except those on Tourist Visa].
- (c) All existing visas have been restored with immediate effect, except electronic visas (e-Visa), Tourist visa and Medical Visa.

3. Foreign nationals are not allowed to visit India for tourism purposes. In case of medical emergency related visit or for any clarification on visa related matters, foreign nationals are advised to send email at cons.saopaulo@mea.gov.in.

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