

Consulate General of India
Sao Paulo

PRESS RELEASE REGARDING OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA (OCI) CARD

1. The following rules have been in force since 2005 with respect to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders:

OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the card holder up to the age of 20 years.

OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.

Re-issuance of OCI card is not required each time a passport is issued to a card holder between 21 and 50 years of age.

2. Government of India has decided to grant temporary relaxation to these rules, till 30 June 2020, as follows:

a). In case an OCI card holder below the age of 20 years has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport, he/she may travel on the strength of his/her existing OCI card bearing the old passport number, subject to the condition that along with the new passport, the OCI card holder carries the old passport mentioned in the existing OCI card.

b). In case of an OCI card holder who has attained the age of 50 years and has got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued upon passport renewal, he/she may travel on the strength of the existing OCI card, subject to both the old and new passports being carried by him/her.

3. It is, however, advised that OCI cardholders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI rules in Para 1 above and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules.
