

All PIO card holders are advised to submit the application for issuing of OCI card (in lieu of valid PIO cards) to their nearest VFS centre so as to reach the HCI, London on or before 29.12.2017.

The PIO card scheme has been discontinued and it may be noted that the International Civil Aviation Organisation has specified that only machine readable travel documents would be acceptable w.e.f. October 2018. The PIO cards being handwritten documents, will become invalid travel documents w.e.f. this date. Those travelling to India on the strength of hand written PIO cards beyond October 2018, would be refused entry at the Indian Immigration counters and sent back.

All PIO card holders are, therefore, advised to submit the application for issuing of OCI card (in lieu of valid PIO cards) to their nearest VFS centre so as to reach the HCI, London on or before 28.12.2017. The conversion is available free of cost till this last date (service charges & logistic charges applicable). Thereafter, request for conversion would be charged fee as applicable for issue of fresh OCI card.

For online registration, please refer to the link below:

<https://passport.gov.in/oci>