

High Commission of India
Canberra

Advisory on Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card

[In supersession of the High Commission of India's earlier Advisory]

1. Overseas Citizen of India card is **required to be re-issued each time** a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years;
2. Re-issuance of the OCI card is **not** required each time a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age. (There is no mandatory requirement of carrying the old passport during the travel but may be advisable to carry as part of abundant precaution)
3. OCI Card is required to be re-issued mandatorily **only once** after completing 50 years of age irrespective of the fact whether the cardholder has obtained a new passport or not.
4. If the first OCI card is issued at the age of 50 years or later, there is **no** need for renewal of the OCI Card.
5. Further, in case of change of nationality of the OCI cardholder, he/she can be permitted to enter/exit India on the strength of the OCI card and valid passport of the new nationality provided the new nationality is not that of Pakistan or Bangladesh. In such cases, the OCI cardholder is advised to get his/her new nationality updated through miscellaneous services.

OCI Card holders may also refer to the following links (including FAQs) for any other clarification on the matter:

(e) <https://boi.gov.in/content/overseas-citizen-india-oci-cardholder>

(f) <https://mha.gov.in/MHA1/OCI.html>

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