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Subject: **Instructions regarding Re-issue of OCI Cards and extension of time for getting OCI Cards re-issued till 31st December, 2022**

According to recent relaxation in requirements for Re-issue of OCI Cards, instructions regarding Re-issue of OCI Cards are given below:

- (i) Mandatory requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card each time a new passport is issued to a foreigner up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age, has been dispensed with;
- (ii) OCI cardholder is required to get the OCI card re-issued only once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age. (Applicants may refer to <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/ind/apply-oci-services> for the process). The fees for this service are US\$ 25 and US\$ 3 towards Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF). You also need to pay US\$ 15.90 to the Outsourcing Agency as service charge, and fees for any Optional Services such as Shipping charges;
- (iii) OCI cardholder is required to upload ONLINE a copy of the new passport and a recent photo each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. The uploading of the documents may be done within three months of receipt of new passport;
- (iv) Foreign spouse of an Indian Citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholder is required to upload a copy of the new passport and a recent photo ONLINE each time a new passport is issued, along with a declaration on subsisting of marriage, copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse/passport and OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse. The documents may be uploaded within three months of receipt of new passport.

[In case of (iii) and (iv), please visit <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome> and select the option 'OCI Miscellaneous Services' for uploading copy of the passport, recent photograph and other documents. This does not involve submission of any physical documents through the Outsourcing Service Provider or the Consulate. This service will be provided Gratis. There will be no restriction on the OCI cardholder to travel to/from India during the period from the date of issue of new

passport till the date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the online system].

2. Further, on account of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in order to avoid inconvenience to OCI cardholders who are required to get their OCI cards reissued, **it has been decided by the Government of India to extend the timeline for re-issuance of OCI cards from December 31, 2021 till December 31, 2022.**

3. The requirement of carrying old passports along with OCI card has been done away with. An OCI cardholder traveling on the strength of existing OCI card bearing old passport number is not required to carry the old passport. However, carrying the new (current) passport is mandatory.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where there is a change in personal particulars of the OCI cardholder such as name and nationality, the OCI cardholder should get the OCI card re-issued immediately on obtaining new passport with revised particulars.

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