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Subject: **Extension of time for getting OCI Cards re-issued till 31st December, 2021**

As per existing instructions, the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholder registration is required to be got re-issued each time a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years and once after completing 50 years of age in view of biological changes in the face of the OCI cardholder.

2. With a view to avoid inconvenience to OCI cardholders, who may be required to get their OCI cards reissued, **it has been decided to grant extension of time till 31st December, 2021 to get their OCI cards re-issued.** Moreover, the requirement of carrying old passport along with OCI Card has been done away with. Henceforth, OCI Cardholders travelling on the strength of their existing OCI cards bearing old passport numbers are not required to carry their old passports. However, carrying of new (current) passport is mandatory.

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