

F.No.26011/MISC/181/2019-OCI
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

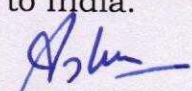
Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,
India Gate Circle, New Delhi-110002.
Dated 29th December, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Instructions about re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even number dated 22.03.2021 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the matter has been further examined in this Ministry.

2. In terms of this Ministry's OM of even number dated 16th April, 2021, an OCI Cardholder shall have to get the OCI Card re-issued once a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age. With a view to avoid inconvenience to OCI Cardholders who are required to get their OCI Cards re-issued on account of COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to further grant extension of time till **31.12.2022** to all eligible foreigners to get their OCI Cards re-issued.
3. It has also been decided that, subject to MHA's extant guidelines regarding entry of OCI Cardholders in India, such OCI Cardholders will be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI Cards bearing old passport number subject to the condition that the OCI Cardholder will have to travel along with new passport.
4. All Indian Missions/posts may be advised to issue Press release covering the above decision and to also inform the airlines operating flights to India.


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1. **Ministry of External Affairs [Shri Devesh Uttam, Joint Secretary, CPV Division], Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi.**
2. **Ministry of External Affairs [Ms. Vani Sarraju Rao, Joint Secretary (AMS)], South Block, New Delhi.**

Copy to:

1. **Bureau of Immigration [Shri Rajeev Ranjan Verma, Additional Director], New Delhi - with the request to suitably sensitize foreign airlines about the decision.**
2. **Ministry of Civil Aviation [Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary], Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi. Delhi - 11 0014, Email:- nblawfirm@yahoo.com.**