

High Commission of India

Canberra

Dated: 31.03.2021

Subject: **OCI related Press Release**

1. OCI card is required to be reissued in following circumstances:

- i. OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the age of 20 years.
- ii. OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.
- iii. Re-issuance of OCI card is not required each time a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age.

2. This is to inform that Government of India has decided to grant temporary relaxation on reissuance of OCI Card till 31st December 2021.

Travel related guidelines:

3. Requirement of carrying old and new passports along with the OCI Card has also been done away with. Henceforth, the OCI Card holders traveling on the strength of their existing OCI Card bearing old passport number are not required to carry their old passport. However, carrying of new passport is mandatory.

4. The above decisions have been made to ease the travel of such OCI card holders who are required to get their OCI card reissued as per extant guidelines mentioned in para 1 above.

5. OCI cardholders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in Para 1 above and get their OCI cards reissued as per rules.

