

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 October, 2020.

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 22.05.2020 on the above mentioned subject and say that present prohibition on international air travel by the Government still continues barring Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) flights & air bubble arrangements and therefore suspension of OCI card as a lifelong visa for travel to/from India also continues in many cases.

2. In view thereof and with a view to avoid inconvenience to OCI cardholders who are required to get their OCI cards re-issued [OCI cardholder registration is required to be got re-issued each time a new passport is issued up to the age of 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age in view of biological changes in the face of the applicant], it has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to grant extension of time till 30.06.2021 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 cardholders will be allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that the OCI cardholder will have to travel along with both old and new passports.

4. In view thereof, it is requested to advise all Indian Missions/posts to issue Press release covering the above decision and to also inform the airlines operating flights to India.

20.10.20

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To,

1. Ministry of External Affairs [Shri Devesh Uttam, OSD, CPV Division], Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi.
2. Ministry of External Affairs [Ms. Vani 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. Directorate General of Civil Aviation [Shri Arun Kumar, Director General], Aurobindo Marg, Opp. Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi 110 003.
3. Ministry of Civil Aviation [Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary], Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi.