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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Subject: Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.2024**

The Government of India has conveyed that the Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 31.12.2025 alongwith valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for **exit/entry into India** till **31.12.2025**. This extension of timeline is **subject to the condition** that if in the meantime any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) thereby making hand written PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have **to obtain appropriate visa** from Indian Missions/Posts.

2. Meanwhile, all **PIO Card holders** with valid PIO cards as on 09.01.2015 in Brussels and Luxembourg may apply for **conversion of PIO card to OCI card** by 31.12.2025 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. Details of OCI application can be seen at **<https://ociservices.gov.in>**.

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