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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Extension of time-line for renewal/re-issue of OCI cards up to 31st December, 2021 & waiver of requirement of carrying old passport along with the OCI card bearing old passport number

Attention of all concerned is invited to the Public Notice issued on 23.10.2020 regarding **Relaxation in OCI Guidelines till 31.06.2021** & the Public Notice issued on 24.03.2021 regarding **Mandatory requirement of carrying both new and old passports in case the OCI card bears old the passport number.**

2. The Government of India has decided to grant **extension** of time till **31.12.2021** to all eligible foreigners to get their OCI cards re-issued, if so required. Accordingly, the OCI cardholders whose OCI cards require **re-issuance** must take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines and renew their OCI cards as required under existing regulations. As per existing regulations/guidelines, the OCI card must be renewed **each time** a new passport is issued up to the completion of 20 years of age and **once** after completing 50 years of age.

3. The Government of India has also decided that **the mandatory requirement of carrying both old and new passports along with the OCI card has been done away with.** Henceforth, the OCI card holders travelling 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.

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