

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Extension of time-line for handwritten travel documents/PIO cards up to 30th September, 2020.

Attention of all concerned is invited to abovementioned subject:

2. The Government of India has extended the time-line for accepting handwritten travel documents/PIO cards from **31.03.2020 to 30.09.2020**, as a valid travel document along with valid foreign Passport at all Indian Immigration check-post(s). Further, 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.

3. Meanwhile, all PIO card holders with valid PIO cards as on 09.01.2015 may apply for conversion of PIO card to OCI card 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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