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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.2021

Attention of all concerned is invited to the Public Notices issued from time to time regarding Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.2021.

2. This is in continuation of our earlier Public Notice issued on 24th September 2020 on the above mentioned subject.

3. The Government of India has extended the timeline for accepting **handwritten travel document/PIO cards** as valid **travel document along with valid foreign passport** at all Indian Immigration Check Posts(s) till **31.12.2022** instead of earlier circulated deadline i.e. 31.12.2021.

4. Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 31st December 2022 along with valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for **exit/entry into India** till **31.12.2022**. 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.

4. 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** 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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