



## **Conversion of PIO card to OCI card**

### **PIO Card Validity Extended up to December 31, 2025**

Indian Immigration will accept all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards (including handwritten ones) along with valid foreign passport, as valid travel document till December 31, 2025, instead of earlier deadline of December 31, 2024.

2. Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards (which were valid as on January 9, 2015) valid for exit from/entry into India till December 31, 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 handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts.

3. All PIO cardholders (handwritten and machine-readable) are meanwhile advised to convert their PIO card to OCI card before this deadline. For details kindly visit the following link: <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome>

4. It is informed that Embassy of India, Paramaribo is service provider of OCI Services, including PIO to OCI conversion, for Suriname and the concurrently accredited countries viz. Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines and Barbados.

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