



**Consulate General of India
Zanzibar**

PRESS RELEASE
REGARDING OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA (OCI) CARD

As per the existing instructions, Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholder registration is required to be got re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the age of 20 years and once after completing 50 years of age. With a view to avoid inconvenience to such OCI cardholders, Government of India has decided to grant extension of time **till 31st December 2020** (*earlier deadline was 30th June 2020*) to get their OCI cards re-issued.

2. As and when prohibition on international air travel is lifted by the Government of India and the status of OCI card as a lifelong visa for travel to/from India is restored, such OCI cardholders are allowed to travel on the strength of their existing OCI cards bearing old passport number. However, the OCI cardholders will have to travel along with the old and new passports and the OCI card having the old passport number.

3. Government of India has also permitted the following categories of OCI cardholders, who are stranded abroad, to travel to India in relaxation of the travel restrictions imposed at present:

- (a) Minor children born to Indian nationals abroad and holding OCI cards.
- (b) OCI cardholders who wish to travel to India on account of family emergencies like death in family.
- (c) Couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national and they have permanent residence in India.
- (d) University students who are OCI cardholders (not legally minors) but whose parents are Indian citizens living in India.

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