

**High Commission of India
Singapore**

Notice

Subject: Extension of time-line for handwritten travel document/ PIO cards beyond 31th March, 2020

Ministry of Home Affairs vide their O.M. No. 26011 MISC/71/2018-OCI dated 13.02.2020 informed that handwritten travel document/ PIO cards will be accepted as valid travel document along with valid foreign passport at all Indian Immigration Check Post(s) till 30th September, 2020 instead of the earlier circulated deadline i.e. 31th March, 2020.

2. As per the aforementioned O.M., Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 30th September, 2020 alongwith valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit from/ entry into India till 30th September, 2020. 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 India Missions/ Posts.

3. All Missions/ Posts abroad are requested to advise all the PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on 09.01.2015 to apply for conversion of PIO card to OCI card as per the guidelines issued by MHA from time to time.