

**OCI CARD HOLDERS- IMPORTANT UPDATES!!!**  
**ON RE-ISSUANCE OF OCI CARDS**

- OCI Miscellaneous Services can be availed only by registered OCI Cardholders.
- Mandatory requirement of re-issuance of OCI card **each time** a new passport is issued to a foreigner upto **20 years of age** and **once after** completing **50 years of age** is **dispensed** with.
- OCI registration booklet has got to be **re-issued only once** when a new passport is issued after **completion of 20 years of age**.
- The Online OCI web portal has been suitably modified under “OCI Miscellaneous Services “to facilitate OCI Cardholders to update details of **new Passport (each time a new passport is issued upto 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age) and re-issue of OCI Card once a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age**. A detailed instruction in order to fill Online Application form and requirement may be accessed at MHA website- <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome>
- OCI Cardholder who is required to upload Online a copy of the new passport and latest photo **each time a new passport is issued upto 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age** may get this done within three months of receipt of the new passport. The **service will be provided on Gratis basis**. Applicants are advised to await updates on their e-mail from the Ministry. No physical copy of OCI will be send/ provided by the mission. Applicant may check status of their applications online on <https://ociservices.gov.in> under the “Status Enquiry” section.
- **Foreign Spouse** of an Indian Citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI Cardholder are required to upload a copy of the new passport and also a latest photo online **each time a new passport is issued** , along with a declaration on subsisting of marriage, copy of the Indian Passport of the Indian spouse/ Passport & OCI card of the OCI Cardholder spouse.

**SPECIAL PERMISSION TO OCI CARD HOLDERS FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES**

- OCI Cardholders are required to obtain Special Permission from concerned authorities to undertake certain activities in India including Research, Missionary or Tabligh or Mountaineering or Journalistic activities, to undertake internship in any foreign Diplomatic Missions or foreign Government organisations in India or to take up employment in any foreign Diplomatic Missions in India and to visit any place which falls within the Protected or Restricted or prohibited areas as notified by the Central Government or competent authority. A separate sub-portal under the name “Apply for Special Permission (Only for OCI Cardholders)” has been created in the Online OCI web portal at- <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome>. The link has detailed instructions as well as documents required to be submitted. The link would facilitate such OCI Cardholders to apply for Special Permission.