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Press Release on renewal of OCI card

With effect from 16.04.2021, the requirement to renew OCI card (each time a new passport is issued) has been simplified and made easier. The revised simplified guidelines are as follows:

Category I: OCI card issued on the basis of Indian origin/descent:

<p>Upto the age of 20 years, each time a new passport is issued</p>	<p>No need of renewal of OCI card</p> <p>Only following documents are to be uploaded at OCI portal under OCI Miscellaneous Service application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder• Latest photo of the OCI card holder <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> For this purpose, an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online<input type="checkbox"/> Auto generated email will be automatically sent to the applicant confirming that documents have been successfully uploaded.<input type="checkbox"/> There will be no restriction on the OCI cardholder to travel to/from India during the period from the date of issue of new passport till the date of final acknowledgement of his/her documents in the online system. <p>Note: No requirement of submission of application at the Consulate</p>
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<p>Above the age of 20 years when a new passport is obtained</p>	<p>OCI card is required to be renewed only once when new passport is obtained.</p> <p>[For example, when new passport is obtained at the age of 26, then OCI Card can be renewed only at that time and not after completing the age of 20 years.]</p> <p>IMPORTANT: For this purpose an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online and submitted to Indian Consulate.</p> <p>NOTE: All original documents will be required for verification</p>
<p>Above the age of 50 years</p>	<p>OCI Card is not required to be renewed</p>

Category II - OCI Cards issued to foreign spouses of Indian nationals/OCI cardholders:

<p>Each time a new passport is issued</p>	<p>Only following documents are to be uploaded at OCI portal under OCI Miscellaneous Service application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the new passport containing the photo of the passport holder • Latest photo of the OCI card holder • Declaration from the OCI cardholder and his/her Indian spouse or OCI cardholder spouse stating that their marriage is still subsisting • Copy of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse/passport and OCI card of the OCI cardholder spouse <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For this purpose, an OCI Miscellaneous Service application is required to be filled online and submitted to Indian Consulate. <input type="checkbox"/> Auto generated email will be automatically sent to the applicant confirming that
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