

P R E S S R E L E A S E

Conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards to be carried out on or before 31 December 2017

The Government of India has extended the deadline for conversion of PIO cards into OCI cards on several occasions in the past and latest such extension has fixed the deadline as **December 31, 2017**. There shall be no further extension of the current deadline i.e. December 31, 2017 for the conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards. Those travelling to India on the strength of their PIO cards (handwritten) after ICAO's rules/guidelines (with respect to travel with machine readable travel documents) come into effect from October/November, 2018, will be refused entry at the Indian immigration counters and sent back. **The existing PIO card holders are informed that any request for conversion of PIO card to OCI card after expiry of the current deadline of December 31, 2017, will attract a fee of USD 275** which is same as charged for issuance of fresh OCI card.

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