



## **PRESS RELEASE**

1. As per existing instructions, the following Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) guidelines have been in force:

*OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the age of 20 years.*

*OCI card is required to be re-issued **once** on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.*

2. This is to inform that Government of India has decided to grant extension of time till 30.06.2021 to all eligible foreigners to get their OCI cards re-issued. Such cardholders may travel on the strength of their existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that the OCI cardholder will have to travel along with both old and new passports.

3. It is, however, advised that OCI card holders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in Para 1 above and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules.

**Consulate General of India, Zanzibar**  
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