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Revised guidelines for re-issue of OCI Cards

Government of India has revised following instructions / guidelines on “**Re-issue of OCI Cards due to issuance of new foreign passport to OCI Card holders:**

i) Mandatory requirement of re-issue of an 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.

ii) OCI Card holder is required to get the OCI Card re-issued only once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age so as to capture his / her facial changes.

iii) OCI Card holder is required to upload ONLINE a copy of the new passport and a latest photo each time a new passport is issued upto 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of age. The uploading of these documents on the Portal may be done within three months of receipt of the new passport. The service will be provided on Gratis (No cost / free) basis.

iv) Foreign spouse of an Indian citizen or spouse of foreign origin of an OCI cardholders 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 Card spouse.

2. Necessary changes to upload documents in the OCI Portal to facilitate above services to OCI cardholders will be done soon.

3. In the meanwhile, the timeline for re-issue of OCI Card in respect of OCI Card holders, who may be required to get their OCI Card re-issued, has been extended till 31 December, 2021. The OCI Card holders travelling on the strength of their existing OCI Card bearing old passport number are not required to carry their old passport. However, carrying of new passport is mandatory.