

## **Notice for OCI cardholders dated 28/07/2021**

### **Revised instruction/guidelines on "Re-issuance of OCI cards due to Issuance of new foreign passports to OCI cardholders" are as follows:**

- (i)** Mandatory requirement of re-issuance 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 cardholder is required to get the OCI card re-issued only once when a new passport is issued after completing 20 years of age.
- (iii)** OCI cardholder is required to upload ONLINE (<https://ociservices.gov.in>) 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 may be done within three months of receipt of the new passport. The service will be provided on Gratis basis.
- (iv)** 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.

### **Government has extended the timeline for re-issuance of OCI card in respect of OCI cardholders who may be required to get their OCI card re-issued till 31 December, 2021.**

In this regard, the online OCI webportal has been suitably modified under "OCI Miscellaneous Services". A detailed instructions in order to fill Online Application form and requirement may be accessed at <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome> .

Likewise, as per Gazette Notification dated 04/03/2021 on rights and privileges, OCI cardholders are required to obtain Special Permission from concerned authorities to undertake certain activities in India. In order to make it convenient to such OCI cardholders, a separate sub-portal under the name "Apply for Special Permission (Only for OCI cardholders)" has been created in the Online OCI webportal at <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome> . The link has detailed instructions as well as the documents required to be submitted. The link would facilitate such OCI cardholders to apply for Special Permission.