

APPLY FOR OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF INDIA (OCI) CARD

Type of Document	A foreign national, who was eligible to become citizen of India on 26.01.1950 or was a citizen of India on or at anytime after 26.01.1950 or belonged to a territory that became part of India after 15.08.1947 is eligible for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI). Minor children and spouse of such person are also eligible for OCI. However, if the applicant had ever been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, he/she will not be eligible for OCI.
Benefits	OCIs are entitled to a multi-purpose, multiple entry, lifelong visa allowing them to visit India at any time, for any length of time and for any purpose. They are exempted from police reporting for any length of stay in the country. They have also been granted all rights in the economic, financial and education fields in parity with NRIs except, the right to acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.
How to Apply	1. Fill up the form online https://ociservices.gov.in/onlineOCI/. Take a printout of the online filled in application form. The form should be duly signed with photographs and accompanied with necessary documents. 2. All the applicants seeking OCI services should see the below checklists for details. OCI Registration (For applying a new OCI Card) OCI Miscellaneous (Transfer/re-issue) (For re-issue of OCI Card) OCI In Lieu Of PIO (For changing from PIO Card to OCI Card) 3. Take a print out of the relevant checklist applicable in your case from S.N. 2 above and complete documentation as per this check list. Please ensure that this printed check list is placed on top of the all documents, tick all the supporting documents you are enclosing in this checklist, while submitting your documents at the Embassy. 4. Book an appointment 5. Book prepaid airway bill with DHL Express Courier service in the Netherlands for receiving processed documents. This should be submitted along with an A4 size self-addressed envelope

	6. Submit application for OCI alongwith necessary documents and prepaid self-addressed envelope at Embassy of India, Oranjestraat 12, 2514 JB The Hague. 7. Important Note: Please ensure that all necessary documents/ photograph with specified dimensions mentioned on OCI website are duly uploaded on the OCI website.
Processing Time	Usual processing time is 3 months. Please refrain from making enquiries during this period. The applicant may apply for an E-visa for emergency travel.
Fees	Please visit the link
Delivery	Processed document will be dispatched via the prepaid courier provided by the application. Counter collection at the Embassy will not be entertained.

Note

- (i) Mandatory requirement of re-issuance of an OCI card each time a new passport is issued to a foreigner up to 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 a copy of the new passport and a latest photo each time a new passport is issued up to 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.
- (v) Passport update in the existing OCI card **must** be done within three months for Gratis service. Beyond this period, it will be chargeable by Euro 25/-.
- (vi) There will be no Physical OCI card now. E-OCI can be downloaded from its website. It is as equivalent as physical card.
