

Updated guidelines for OCI Cardholders and conversion of existing PIO Cards to OCI Cards before October, 2018

As per MHA guidelines, it is mandatory to carry OCI Card in the form of booklet while visiting India in order to make the travel valid so that passengers do not face any difficulty while getting immigration clearance.

2. Further, It is pertinent to mention that from October 2018, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) will accept only machine readable travel documents, hence, existing PIO cards, which are handwritten will therefore, become invalid. Thus, it will be necessary upon PIO Cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI Cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO Cards before October, 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.