

Registration as OCI cardholders

(A) Eligibility Criteria for OCI Registration

A foreign national, who was eligible to become citizen of India on 26.01.1950 or was a citizen of India on or at any time after 26.01.1950 or belonged to a territory that became part of India after 15.08.1947 and his/her children and grand children, provided his/her country of citizenship allows dual citizenship in some form or other under the local laws, is eligible for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI). Minor children of such person are also eligible for OCI. However, no person, who or either of whose parents or grandparents or great grandparents is or had been a citizen of Pakistan, Bangladesh or such other country as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify, shall be eligible for registration as an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder.

(B) Application for OCI card

1. **Application Form:** To fill up on-line registration form, please visit MHA website <https://ociservices.gov.in/>. Part A has to be filled up on-line for each applicant of the family and Part B is common to all applicants of the family upto a maximum of four. Separate applications required for any other additional members. After submission of Part A online, a copy of Part A with an online registration number will be printed along with Part B of application form. Details in Part B can be typed or hand written in BLOCK LETTERS. In case the space provided is not sufficient, additional sheets may be used for providing requisite details. No column is to be left blank. Two sets of application form complete in all respects along with relevant enclosures must be submitted to the Mission.

2. **List of enclosures:** 2 sets of photocopies of requisite documents and each page self attested by the applicant. For minors, the Parent must self attest the photocopies. When signing on the photocopies of the documents please mention as "Self Attested" and sign with name & date.

- (i) Copy of present passport valid for at least 6 months at the time of application;
- (ii) Copy of cancelled Indian passport/surrender certificate/domicile certificate issued by the Competent Authority;
- (iii) Copy of Marriage certificate/Birth certificate whenever required;
- (iv) Any other supporting documents substantiating the request.

3. **Fee:** Please see Fee Schedule.

Cancellation of OCI Registration: If it has been found that the registration as an OCI was obtained by means of fraud, false representation or concealment of any material fact or the registered OCI has shown disaffection towards the Constitution of India or comes under any of the provisions of section 7D of the Citizenship Act, the registration of such person will not only be cancelled forthwith but he/she will also be blacklisted for visiting India.

The following OCI guidelines have been in force since 2005:

1. OCI card needs to be re-issued each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder up to the age of 20 years.
2. OCI card is required to be re-issued once on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.
3. Re-issuance of OCI card is not required each time a passport is issued to a cardholder between 21 and 50 years of age.