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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Conversion of PIO Card to OCI Card**

Indian Immigration will accept all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards (including handwritten PIO cards), along with valid foreign passport, as valid travel document till **September 30, 2020**. Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit from/entry into India till September 30, 2020.

This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime, any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts.

All PIO cardholders (handwritten and machine readable) are meanwhile advised to convert their PIO cards to OCI cards.

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