

Consulate General of India
Vancouver

PRESS RELEASE

Procedure for issue of Life Certificates for 2020

The Consulate General of India, Vancouver organizes consular camps every year in the month of November to issue Life Certificates to pensioners from India under its consular jurisdiction of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and Northwest Territories.

2. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Canadian Government norms which are required to be observed e.g. social distancing, restriction on number of people that can gather at any establishment, etc. it has been decided that this year the Life Certificates will be issued from October 17, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The Consulate will issue Life Certificates to pensioners in the following manner:

- Consular camps- to be organized at various locations in Greater Vancouver only with local partners.
- Through post or mail / courier;

3. **Consular camps**– Officials from the Consulate in partnership with local institutions in Greater Vancouver will organize consular camps at various places in Greater Vancouver/Abbotsford for facilitating issue of life certificates. Please note that there would be no consular camps for issue of life certificate in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, and Northwest Territories. The schedule of consular camps **exclusively for issue Life Certificates** is given below:

S. No.	Place	Dates	Location of Camp
1.	Vancouver (Exclusively for applicants aged 80 years and above)	17 October 2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Ross St. Gurdwara 8000, Ross Street, Vancouver
2.	Vancouver (Exclusively for applicants aged 80 years and above)	18 October 2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Ross St. Gurdwara 8000, Ross Street, Vancouver
3.	Burnaby (Exclusively for applicants aged 80 years and above)	24 October 2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Burnaby Hindu Temple 5420 Marine Dr, Burnaby, BC V5J 3G8
4.	Surrey (Exclusively for applicants aged 80 years and above)	31st October 2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Indian Ex Servicemen Society, #201, 8212, 128 Street, Surrey

5.	Abbotsford	01 November 2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Heritage Gurdwara 33089 S Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2B1
6.	Surrey	01 November 2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Indian Ex Servicemen Society, #201, 8212, 128 Street, Surrey
7.	Burnaby	07 November2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Burnaby Hindu Temple 5420 Marine Dr, Burnaby, BC V5J 3G8
8.	Vancouver	07 November2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Ross St. Gurdwara 8000, Ross Street, Vancouver
9.	Surrey	08 November 2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Lakshmi Narain Mandir 8321, 140 Street, Surrey
10.	Abbotsford	08 November 2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Heritage Gurdwara 33089 S Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2B1
11.	Surrey	14 November2020 Saturday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Lakshmi Narain Mandir 8321, 140 Street, Surrey
12.	Vancouver	15 November2020 Sunday 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	Ross St. Gurdwara 8000, Ross Street, Vancouver

Depending upon the number of applicants, the camps would be held during weekends till the end of November in all or some of the above locations, as would be required.

4. **By post/courier:** The applicants from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Northwest Territories may send the applications to the Consulate General of India, Vancouver by courier/mail. The applicants from British Columbia can also send their applications for Life Certificate to Consulate General of India if they cannot come to Consular Camps.

The applications may be addressed to **LIFE CERTIFICATE, Consulate General of India, Vancouver, #201-325 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 1Z7, Canada.**

5. It may be ensured that the applications are complete with the following documents:

- (i) Duly filled in Life Certificate form (in duplicate) (For blank form please click [here](#))
- (ii) Miscellaneous Service Application forms (For blank form please click [here](#)) – Kindly ensure that a Whatsapp enabled mobile number is prominently written on the application form.
- (iii) A self attested copy of valid passport

- (iv) A self-addressed prepaid envelope must be attached in order to despatch the authenticated life certificates back to the applicant.

Consulate will identify the applicant through a video call over Whatsapp before authenticating the Life Certificate.

6. It may be noted that, under the present circumstances, the camp is only meant for attestation of life certificates. No other services would be provided during the camps.

7. It would be ensured that all health protocols, including social distancing, related to the COVID pandemic issued by Canadian authorities would be scrupulously followed during the camp. **The following guidelines may be strictly followed by applicants and their attendants who visit the consular camps:**

- a) Face masks would be compulsory for all visitors, including applicants and those who accompany them.
- b) Use of Hand sanitizers before entry into the camp.
- c) Maintain Social Distancing.

8. Consulate officials will ensure that between 17 October- 31 December 2020 all applicants will be given life certificates. All are requested to cooperate with officials and volunteers for the smooth conduct of the camp keeping in mind safety and health requirement.

9. For any further queries on the matter, please write to cons2.vancouver@mea.gov.in

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