



**Consulate General of India
Vancouver**

Press Release

Permitted categories of OCI and foreigners with visa on special flights during COVID-19 situation

The Government of India has further relaxed the visa and travel restrictions for certain categories of OCI cardholders and other foreigners, who wants to travel to India on special flights from 12 June onwards. Accordingly, it has now been decided to permit the following categories of Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Cardholders to travel –

A. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Cardholders

- (i) Minor children who hold OCI card and whose parents are Indian nationals;
- (ii) OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like critical medical conditions of immediate family members or death;
- (iii) Married couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national; and
- (iv) Students who are OCI cardholders where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder.

B. Other foreign nationals

- (i) Foreign nationals who are minor children where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder;
- (ii) Foreign nationals married to Indian citizens;
- (iii) Foreign nationals who are single parents of minor children holding Indian passports or OCI card;
- (iv) Students who are foreign nationals where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder; and
- (v) Dependent family members of foreign diplomats and official/service passport holding service staff accredited to foreign diplomatic Missions, consular offices or accredited international Organizations in India.

Foreign nationals covered in sub-paras B (i) to (v) above shall have to obtain fresh paper visa of appropriate category from the Indian Missions/Posts abroad. Foreign nationals holding a valid long-term multiple entry visa of appropriate category issued by the Indian Consulate abroad shall have to get the visa re-validated from the Indian Consulate.

Foreign nationals falling in the above categories mentioned at sub-para B (i) to (v) may approach the Consulate General of India (visa.vancouver@mea.gov.in) with relevant supporting documents to initiate the visa process. They will be provided the relevant visa form and checklist of documents to be submitted.

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