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Extension granted till June 2020 for mandatory OCI card renewal

The following Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card guidelines have been in force since 2005:

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

2. This is to inform that Government of India has decided to **grant temporary relaxation till 30 June 2020** in the following cases:

- i. In case an OCI card holder below the age of 20 years has not got the OCI card re-issued on change of passport, he/she may travel on the strength of his/her existing OCI card bearing old passport number subject to the condition that along with the new passport, the OCI cardholder carries old passport mentioned in the OCI card.
- ii. In case an OCI card holder who has attained the age of 50 years and has got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued on renewal of his/her passport, he/she may travel on the strength of the existing OCI card along with the old and new passports.

3. However, **all OCI cardholders are requested to take immediate steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in Para 1 above and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules before 30 June 2020.**
