

## **RENUNCIATION/SURRENDERING OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP**

### **General Information**

**Surrender Certificate:** Indian Citizenship Act does not provide for dual citizenship. As per the Passport Act, it is mandatory for all Indian passport holders to surrender their last Indian passport to the nearest Embassy/Consulate immediately after acquisition of foreign nationality. It is an offense under the Indian Law for foreign nationals to hold Indian passports once they have acquired the foreign nationality and are holding the Indian Passport. Once Indian passport is surrendered, Embassy will cancel it and return it to the Passport holder along with Surrender certificate. Embassy will not be in a position to render services like OCI, Visa etc. until Surrender Certificate acquired on acquisition of foreign nationality is submitted.

**Renunciation Declaration Certificate:** This certificate will be granted to those who have misplaced or lost their last Indian passport and hence they do not have their Indian passport which they can surrender for cancellation. Those applicants are given a 'Renunciation Declaration Certificate' based on submission of sworn affidavit on loss of Indian Passport and other required documents.

Either a 'Surrender Certificate' **or** a 'Renunciation Declaration Certificate' needs to be submitted for an OCI or Visa application.

Please download the [checklist](#) and start the process.

- Processing Time: Usually within 1-2 days from the date of receipt of documents at the Embassy, subject to submission of all requisite documents.

<b>Address</b>	971 Alcantara, Las Condes, Santiago (Chile) ZIP Code: 7550427
<b>Mail Box</b>	10433, Santiago

- Note: - If applicant is coming in-person, please come between 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM to the Consular Section, Embassy of India, Santiago, Chile.

The applications can be sent by Post. The Embassy of India will not accept any responsibility in case the courier is lost / misplaced / damaged or delayed. The applicant should use the courier service (with tracking facility) of their choice

and are advised to keep the tracking numbers (for return courier as well) with them if arranging for the pickup.