



High Commission of India

Kampala

NOTICE

The Government of India has vide Gazette Notification No. 26011/01/2014/C.I dated 09.01.2015, exercising powers conferred by subsection(2) of Section 7A of the Citizenship Act 1955 (57 of 1955), specified that with effect from 9th January, 2015 all existing Persons of Indian Origin(PIO) card holders registered as such shall be deemed to be Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) card holders. The PIO Card scheme has been abolished.

As a consequence of the above, the following additional categories of applicants have been enabled to apply for registration as Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs):

- a) Spouse of a citizen of India, or spouse of an OCI registered under section 7A of the Act, and whose marriage has been registered and subsisted for a continuous period of not less than two years immediately preceding the presentation of the application provided the spouse is not a person of Pakistan / Bangladesh origin.

- b) A minor, holding a foreign passport, whose both parents are Indian citizens.

Furthermore, the Government of India has vide Notice No. 26011/06/2015–OCI dated 29.01.2015 issued instructions dispensing with the requirement of “U” visa sticker on the foreign passport of an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholder. Prior to the Notice, OCI documentations consisted of an OCI Registration Booklet and multiple lifelong “U” (Universal) Visa sticker which was pasted on the foreign passport of applicants eligible for issue of an OCI card. It was mandatory for registered OCIs to carry their passports containing “U” visa and the OCI registration certificate for entry into/exit from India. Henceforth, registered OCI card holders would carry their valid foreign passport and the OCI Registration Certificate only for entry / exit to / from India.
