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Revised instructions on re-issuance of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide O.M. No. 25022/24/2020-F.V/F.I dated 21.10.2020 had inter alia permitted all OCI cardholders and PIO cardholders holding passports of any country to enter India by water routes or flights including those under the Vande Bharat Mission or 'Air Bubble' (bilateral air travel arrangements) scheme or by any non scheduled commercial flights as allowed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The right of multi entry lifelong visa facility granted for any purpose to OCI holders has also been restored vide order no. 26011/Misc./83/2020-OCI dated 21.10.2020.

With a view to avoid inconvenience to OCI cardholders who may be required to get their OCI re-issued, it has been decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to grant extension of time till 31.12.2021 to eligible foreigners to get their OCI cards re-issued, if so required.

The requirement of carrying old and new passports, along with the OCI card, has been done away with. Henceforth, an OCI cardholder travelling on the strength of existing OCI card bearing old passport number is not required to carry the old passport. However, carrying the new (current) passport is mandatory.
