

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Advisory for PIO Cardholders

All concerned are, hereby, informed that the MHA has clarified that as far as Bureau of Immigration (BOI) is concerned, valid PIO cards, as on 09.01.2015, will remain valid documents till March 31, 2019 along with valid foreign passport. Meanwhile, all PIO cardholders are advised to apply for conversion to OCI cards at the earliest.

2. If in the meantime, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) notifies any deadline, thereby making hand written PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from the Embassy of India, Brussels, in case PIO cards are still not converted to OCI cards. However, Indian immigration check posts will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till 31st March, 2019.

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