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SUBJECT: RELAXATION IN OCI GUIDELINES TILL 30.06.2020

The following OCI guidelines have been in force since 2005:-

- (i). OCI card **needs to be re-issued** each time a new passport is acquired by the cardholder **up to the age of 20 years**.
- (ii). OCI card is required to **be re-issued once** on acquiring a new passport after completing 50 years of age.
- (iii). 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 30.06.2020 in the following cases:-**

- (i). In case an OCI card ***holder below the age of 20 years has not got 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 ***got his/her passport renewed subsequently but has not got his/her OCI card re-issued on renewal of passport***, he/she may travel **till June 30, 2020** on the strength of existing OCI card along-with the new and old passports.

3. It is, however, advised that OCI cardholders may take steps to comply with the existing OCI guidelines in ***Para 1 above*** and renew their OCI cards as required by the rules.

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