



Embassy of India
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INTRODUCTION OF E-OCI CARD

The Government of India has replaced the physical OCI booklet with an electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) card, launched on 30 June 2026 for both new applicants and existing OCI holders. Holders will no longer need to carry the physical OCI booklet for immigration clearance or other services, reducing the risk of loss, damage, duplication, or forgery.

New OCI Applicants

- ◆ Register or log in to the OCI portal (<https://ociservices.gov.in>)
- ◆ Select "Apply for New OCI Application" and complete the online form, uploading the required documents.
- ◆ Submit the duly filled application form at the Embassy along with the original documents for verification.
- ◆ Pay the fee and complete biometric enrolment at the Embassy.
- ◆ Once the OCI application is granted, the applicant will be notified by registered email/SMS that e-OCI card is ready for download.
- ◆ Download the e-OCI card from the OCI portal.
- ◆ Only the digital e-OCI card will be issued to all new applicants

Existing OCI Cardholders

- ◆ Log in to the OCI portal using your existing credentials.
- ◆ Download your e-OCI card registration.
- ◆ Physical OCI booklets shall remain valid for immigration clearance and other associated services.

2. After the launch of e-OCI card, the requirement of re-issuance OCI card on obtaining new passport after attaining age of 20 years has been dispensed with. Now OCI card holders shall be required to update their passport particulars on the OCI portal under "Apply for Miscellaneous Services" and give their biometrics to the Embassy or at the immigration in India at the time of first entry of departure, as the case may be, after such updation of the details. Upon updation of the details an automated notification will be send to the applicant's registered email/SMS and updated e-OCI card can be downloaded from the portal.

3. OCI card holders must update their passport details at the portal within three months of issuance of new passport. If the passport details are not updated within three months a fee of USD25 will be charged. In case OCI card holder travel without updating the new passport details, immigration authorities may issue oral warning requiring compliance within one month or before departure from India whichever is earlier.
