

Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI)

Government of India's OCI Scheme is operational from 02.12.2005. The Constitution of India does not allow holding Indian citizenship and citizenship of foreign country simultaneously. Based on the recommendation of the High Level committee on Indian Diaspora, the Government of India decided to grant Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) commonly known as 'dual citizenship'. Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) of certain category as has been specified in the Brochure who migrated from India and acquired citizenship of a foreign country other than Pakistan and Bangladesh, are eligible for grant of OCI as long as their home countries allow dual citizenship in some form or the other local laws.

2. Following benefits will be available to registered OCIs

- I. Multiple entry, multi-purpose life long "U" visa to visit India
- II. Exemption from registration with Foreigners Regional Registration Officer/Foreigners Registration Officer for any length of stay in India.
- III. Parity with NRIs in respect of all facilities to the latter in financial, economic and educational fields except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.
- IV. However, they shall not be entitled to rights with regard to equality of opportunity in matters of public employment and election to Constitutional Offices like President/Vice-President/Judges of Supreme Court or High Courts/Members of Parliament of Legislative Assembly/Council or right to vote under **Representation of the People Act, 1950**.

OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP OF INDIA

REQUIREMENTS

1. Application form Part A and Part B **in Duplicate**
2. Fee Php 15110.00 for normal applicant
3. Fee Php 1510.00 for Major PIO Card Holder
4. Fee Php 8110.00 for Minor PIO Card Holder
5. 4 photos of 3.5 cm x 3.5 cm size picture and 3 pieces stamp size photograph
6. Proof of citizenship of applicant
7. Evidence of self or parents or grandparents:
 - a. Being eligible to become a citizen of India at the time of commencement of the Constitution; or
 - b. Belonging to a territory that became part of India after 15th August 1947 or
 - c. Being citizen of India on or after 26th January 1950

These are:

Primary evidence : Documents issued by or under the authority of any law in India

- Copy of passport or
- Copy of domicile certificate issued by the competent authority or
- Any other proof (birth certificate, school leaving certificate , domicile certificate , bank accounts, title deeds of properties) .
- Nativity Certificate when applicant is unable to produce primary evidence of his/her Indian origin (application for Nativity certificate and Nativity certificate .[Click here](#))

Nativity Certificate will be issued by the State Government in India by an authority not below a District Collector/ District Magistrate about an applicant being PIO eligible for registration as OCI.

Secondary evidence : Documents issued outside India by or under the authority of a foreign sovereign government.

- Passport of foreign country indicating the place of birth of the applicant in India
- Any other documents satisfactorily proving the residence/nationality as an Indian

While primary evidence could be accepted as conclusive evidence, secondary evidence may be referred to M/OIA, whenever in doubt.

8. Evidence of relationship as parents/grandparent, if their Indian origin is claimed as basis for grant of Overseas Citizenship of India
9. PIO Card holders must also submit a copy of their PIO Card

Processing time: 30 days

Instruction for filling application form

- Please write/print fields in BLOCK LETTERS
- A maximum of four (4) applicants consisting of spouses and at most two minor children may apply in one application form
- A person who has not attained the age of 18 years is considered minor
- Part A has to be filled for each applicant of the family and Part B is common for all applicants of the family.
- After submission of Part A online, a reference number will be printed
- Part B of the form can be downloaded and the details can be typed or handwritten. In case, the space provided is not sufficient, additional sheets may be used for providing requisite details. **Application form on Part A & B, complete in all respects**, along with all relevant enclosures may be submitted to the appropriate office (In case online submission is not possible, both Part A & B can be downloaded and filled as above)
- Enclosures for each applicant:
 1. Proof of present citizenship of applicant e.g. copy of passport / citizenship certificate
 2. Evidence of self or parents or grand parents,
 - Being eligible to become a citizen of India at the time of commencement of the Constitution i.e. on 26th January 1950 or
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5. PIO Card holder should submit a copy of his/her PIO Card
6. **The documents enclosed with the application should be self attested**
7. This form when completed should be submitted in **DUPLICATE** (both sets must have original photograph and signature alongwith enclosures)-
 - In India to the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO), Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Amritsar or Chief Immigration Officer (CHIO), Chennai or Under Secretary, OCI Cell, Citizenship Section, Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs.
 - Outside India, to the Indian Mission or Post having Jurisdiction over the Country of which the applicant is a citizen or if he/she is not living in the country of his/her citizenship, to the Indian Mission or Post having jurisdiction over the country of which the applicant is ordinarily resident.
8. After receipt of application is concerned office, a File number would be issued to the applicant by way of acknowledgement.
9. The applicant(s) can verify the status of their application(s) online by quoting the Reference number or File number
10. If the status of the application appears as "Granted", the applicant(s) may send their foreign passports(s) to the concerned office, where he/she submitted the application, for affixing OCI visa sticker.
11. Please check that all fields in the form are filled in and all necessary enclosures are attached before submission of the form to Indian Mission/Post abroad or MHA / FRRO in India
12. Concealment of any material fact or false representation etc. will lead to cancellation of registration as Overseas Citizen of India (Please refer to Section &D of the Act.)

FORM XXVIII
[See rule 29(1) and 30]
The Citizenship Rules, 2009

**Application for registration as an Overseas Citizen of India under section 7A
of the Citizenship Act, 1955.**

Note: Please see instructions below before filling up the form

Affix your photo
of 35 x 35 mm size

PART A (for each applicant of the family)

Signature box
Left Thumb
Impression in case
of Minor who can not sign

FIRST APPLICANT DETAILS:

1	Surname	
2	Given Name	
3	Sex & Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	
4	PLACE OF BIRTH WITH COUNTRY	
5	FATHERS NAME / NATIONALITY	
6	MOTHERS NAME / NATIONALITY	
7	NATIONALITY OF THE APPLICANT	
8	PASSPORT NO & DATE OF ISSUE	
9	PLACE OF ISSUE	
10	OCCUPATION / COMPANY	
11	VISIBLE DISTINGUISHING MARK	
12	PRESENT ADDRESS	
13	EMAIL ID & PHONE NO	
14	WHETHER PIO CARD HOLDER?	Yes /No [If yes, give details]
	PIO CRAD NO & DATE OF ISSUE	
	VALID UP TO	
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Spouse Applicant Details

Signature box

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Minor Child -1 Applicant Details

Signature box /
Left thumb
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Minor Child -2 Applicant Details

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Impression

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1	Surname	
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4	PLACE OF BIRTH WITH COUNTRY	
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PART B (OTHER DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT)

15. HAVE YOU/ ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APPLIED FOR OCI REGISTRATION EARLIER? **YES/ NO**

IF YES, GIVE DETAILS (REFERENCE NO., WHEN AND WHERE APPLIED AND WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME)

16. WHETHER THE APPLICANTS (S) SOUGHT ASYLUM BEFORE APPLYING FOR PRESENT CITIZENSHIP?.....**YES/NO**

IF YES, GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILS WHEN AND WHY

17. IS (ARE) THE APPLICANTS(S) OR HAD EVER BEEN CITIZEN OF PAKISTAN OR BANGLADESH AT ANY TIME?.....**YES/NO**

IF YES, GIVE SPECIFIC DETAILS.

18. DATE AND METHOD OF ACQUISITION OF PRESENT NATIONALITY (BY BIRTH / DESCENT / REGISTRATION / NATURALIZATION / ANY OTHER, SPECIFY) OF THE APPLICANTS (S)

19. PREVIOUS NATIONALITY OF THE APPLICANT(S)

20. ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER:

FIRST APPLICANT_____

SPOUSE APPLICANT_____

21. DETAILS OF FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE STAYING IN INDIA, IF ANY.

SI NO 1	NAME 2	PRESENT ADDRESS 3	RELATIONSHIP 4	AGE 5

22. DETAILS OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANTS(S), IF ANY, ANYWHERE.

APPLICANT(S) NAME	DATE OF INCIDENCE	PLACE OF INCIDENCE	NATURE OF INCIDENCE	OUTCOME OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS, IF ANY

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23. I/WE _____ DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY
 DECLARE THAT THE FOREGOING PARTICULARS STATED ON THIS
 APPLICATION ARE TRUE, AND I/WE MAKE THIS SOLEMN
 DECLARATION CONSCIENTIOUSLY BELIEVING THE SAME TO BE
 TRUE.

DATE.....

PLACE.....

SIGNATURE _____
 (FIRST APPLICANT)

SIGNATURE _____
 (SPOUSE APPLICANT)

* APPLICATION FOR MINOR (S)

I AM A PARENT/GUARDIAN ** OF _____ TO
 WHOM THE FOREGOING PARTICULARS RELATE. I HEREBY APPLY ON
 BEHALF OF MY/THE CHILD (CHILDREN) FOR HIS/HER/THEIR
 REGISTRATION AS AN OVERSEAS CITIZEN(S) OF INDIA.

DATE.....SIGNATURE OF FIRST APPLICANT.....

* TO BE FILLED ONLY FOR MINOR APPLICANT(S)

** IN CASE OF GUARDIAN, ENCLOSE PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP

PHOTOGRAPH

APPLICATION FOR NATIVITY CERTIFICATE

- 1 Name of applicant: _____
- 2 Date of Birth : _____
- 3 Place of Birth : _____
- 4 Father's name: _____
- 5 Mother's name : _____
- 6 Present Nationality : _____
- 7 Present Address including Telephone No, Mobile No., Fax No. and Email ID : _____
- 8 Passport Particulars
 - i. Passport Number _____
 - ii. Place of Issue _____
 - iii. Date of Issue _____
 - iv. Valid till _____
- 9 Details of Parents/Grand parents/Great –grand parents who were born and live in India :
 - a) Name : _____
 - b) Date of Birth/Year of birth : _____
 - c) Address : _____
 - d) Police Station of the area where resident : _____
 - e) Year when emigrated from India : _____
 - f) Details of travel document held at the time of emigration.

10. Details of ancestral properties (is any) Bank Account held, School/ College/educational institution where such ancestor studied, or any other information, including the name of relatives who could vouch for the veracity of the statements made above, along with documentary evidence, if available (including copies of post cards, letters, etc. with postal stamps/stampings at the Post office of dispatch, etc.
11. Name of the ship/vessel and the year/month in which ancestor emigrated.

(Signature of the Applicant)

VERIFICATION

I _____, son of _____ born on _____
(Name of father)
 _____ at _____ and holding
(DOB) (Place of Birth)
 _____ Passport No. _____ issued at
(Nationality)
 _____ on _____ and valid till
(Place of Issue) (Date of Issued)
 _____, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars
(Date of expiry)
 given above are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief.

(Signature of the Applicant)

NO. _____
GOVERNMENT OF _____
DEPARTMENT _____

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PHOTOGRAPH

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Verified through enquiries made.

(Authorized signatory)