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Consulate General of India
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Advisory on PIO Cards

PIO Card Validity Extended up to December 31, 2025

Government of India has issued recent guidelines regarding Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) cards.

2. As per the latest GOI guidelines, Bureau of Immigration (BoI)/ Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards (which were valid as on January 9, 2015) as valid travel document along with valid foreign passport for EXIT from/ENTRY into India **till December 31, 2025**. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime, any deadline is notified by the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts.

3. Existing PIO Card holders are further informed that **no further extension will be given beyond December 31, 2025** and all PIO Card holders will have to get their PIO Cards converted to OCI card by **December 31, 2025** ELSE they will have to get appropriate Indian visa for their travel to India.

4. All PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on January 9, 2015 are hereby advised to urgently apply for conversion of their PIO card to OCI card as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) from time to time.

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