



**High Commission of India
Wellington**

PRESS RELEASE

PERSONS OF INDIAN ORIGIN CARD

- i) All PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on 9.1.2015 are deemed to be OCI cardholders. Hence the PIO card continues to be legally valid.
- ii) All PIO cardholders with valid PIO cards as on 9.1.2015 are hereby once again advised to apply for conversion of their PIO cards to OCI cards as per the procedure given at the link <http://www.hciwellington.gov.in/hci.php?id=PIO>.
- iii) PIO cards will be accepted as valid documents till 31 March, 2019 along with valid foreign passport. However, if in the meantime, International Civil Aviation Organisation makes handwritten PIOs invalid prior to this date, the same will be notified.

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