

**Consulate General of India
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PIO card to OCI card conversion

Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card scheme stands withdrawn by the Government of India and has been merged with Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card scheme. As per the existing rules, all PIO cardholders are required to obtain Overseas Citizen of India cards. The last date for submission of application for registration as OCI cardholder in lieu of the existing PIO card is 30 June 2016.

The PIO card to OCI card conversion process requires only two documents: i) Valid passport; and ii) PIO card. Eligible applicants must visit VFS Global website (www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia) to complete online application for OCI cards. This service is provided *gratis*, if availed on or before the last date. However, the applicants will have to pay the service charges for the outsourcing agency as well as postal/courier charges.

All PIO card holders are requested to apply for OCI cards free of charge before the prescribed deadline i.e. 30 June 2016.
