

**Embassy of India
Dublin**

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NOTICE

Subjection: Extension of timeline for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.2023

This is to bring to your attention that the deadline for converting Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card to OCI Card has been extended. The Bureau of immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards along with valid foreign passport, as valid travel document till December 31, 2024 (instead of earlier deadline i.e. December 31, 2023) and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO Cards valid for exit/entry into India till 31.12.2024.

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 hand written PIO cards invalid, PIO card holders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/ Posts.

All those PIO card holders, who hold valid PIO Cards as on 09.01.2015, are therefore advised to apply for conversion of their PIO cards to OCI cards.
