

Embassy of India
Thimphu
(Consular Section)

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- (i) After September 30, 2018, PIO Cards will be considered as an invalid travel document for travel to India. Therefore, all PIO holders, who have not yet converted their PIO Card to OCI Card, are requested to apply for OCI in lieu of PIO before September 30, 2018.
 - (ii) From October 2018, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will accept only machine readable travel documents. Hence, existing PIO Cards, which are hand written, will therefore, become invalid. It will, thus, become mandatory upon PIO Card holders to obtain machine readable OCI Card in lieu of the existing hand written PIO Cards before October 2018.
 - (iii) All Concerned are therefore advised to kindly have this conversion done before the deadline of October 2018 to avoid any inconvenience while traveling to India.
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