

## General Instructions

PIO Card scheme has been withdrawn by the Government of India (GOI) vide Gazette Notification No.25024/9/2014F.I dated 09.01.2015. In this context, GOI has issued a new Gazette Notification No.26011/01/2014IC.I dated 09.01.2015 stating that all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards issued till 09.01.2015 are to be converted into Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards. Henceforth, applicants holding PIO Cards may apply for OCI cards online on website <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome> - **OCI Registration (in lieu of valid PIO-Card)**

1. Please upload a latest photograph and signature .
2. Please upload a self-attested good quality copy of Swiss/Foreign passport **under** Current Passport.
3. Please upload a self-attested good quality copy of PIO card (front and back page details) **under** PIO card.
  - a) Fees for OCI card should be paid to Embassy's Bank Account maintained with UBS AG, Account No. 235-939899.01P. (IBAN : CH82 0023 5235 9398 9901 P). CHF 93.-
  - b) **In addition a consular surcharge of CHF 3.-is required to be paid with Account No. (IBAN: CH39 0023 5235 9398 9902 K).**

It may be noted that from October, 2018 International Civil Aviation Organization will accept only machine readable travel documents. The existing PIO cards, which are hand written, will, therefore, become invalid travel documents. Hence, it will be necessary for PIO cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO cards to avoid any inconvenience.

Please visit Embassy's website [www.indembassybern.ch](http://www.indembassybern.ch) (Consular Services – OCI Cards) for further details.