

## **OCI General Information**

### **OVERSEAS CITIZENS OF INDIA SCHEME (OCI)**

OCI APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SURRENDER THEIR INDIAN PASSPORTS TO PASSPORT SECTION AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER AND SUBMIT COPY OF SURRENDER CERTIFICATE ALONGWITH THEIR OCI APPLICATIONS. THOSE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE EVER HELD INDIAN PASSPORTS AND ARE UNABLE TO PRODUCE THE SAME FOR SURRENDER FOR ANY REASON (LOSS/ MISPLACEMENT/ SUBMITTED TO HOME OFFICE LONG TIME BACK) ARE REQUIRED TO FURNISH A NOTARISED AFFIDAVIT (IF THE PASSPORT IS ALREADY EXPIRED) AND ALSO POLICE REPORT (IN CASES WHERE INDIAN PASSPORT WAS STILL VALID).

#### **Important Point:**

- **Applicant, who has been a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, shall not be eligible for OCI.**
- **Children with foreign passport whose one parent is/was an Indian national and the other is ineligible for OCI is also not eligible for registration as OCI.**

#### **Benefits:**

Registered OCIs shall be entitled to following benefits:

- Multi-purpose, multi entry, lifelong visas for visiting India.
- Exemption from registration with Foreigners Regional Registration officer/Foreigners Registration Officer for any length of stay in India.
- Parity with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in respect of all facilities to the latter in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural/plantation properties.

Any other benefits to OCIs will be notified by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) under Section 7 B (1) of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

#### **Restrictions:**

- The OCI is not entitled to vote,
- Be a member of Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council or Parliament.
- He/she cannot hold constitutional posts such as President, Vice President, Judge of Supreme Court or High Court etc.
- and cannot hold employment in the Government.

Every registered OCI will be issued a registration certificate which is printed like an Indian passport in different colour and an OCI visa sticker will be pasted in the person's foreign passport. These two documents will have the photograph of the individual and all necessary security features.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

A foreign national, who:

- was eligible to become a citizen of India on 26.01.1950, or
- was a citizen of India on or at any time after 26.01.1950, or
- belonged to a territory that became part of India after 15.08.1947 and his/her children and grandchildren, are eligible for registration as Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), provided his/her country of citizenship s dual citizenship in some form or other under the local laws;
- child or a grand-child or a great grandchild of such a citizen;
- the minor children of such persons;
- a person, who is a minor child, and whose both parents are citizens of India or one of the parents is a citizen of India;
- spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India of spouse of foreign origin of an Overseas Citizen of India cardholder registered under section 7A and **whose marriage has been registered and subsisted for a continuous period of not less than two years immediately preceding the presentation of the application under this section:**

### **Documents to be submitted with OCI Application:**

**A. For Adults (Above 18 years of age who previously held an Indian nationality) – Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

**Incomplete/incorrect applications will not be acceptable at the Consulate**

- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary ([www.cgihamburg.de](http://www.cgihamburg.de) -> Consular services -> application forms -> [OCI Application](#)).
- Clean copy of current German passport.
- 3 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses.

- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities/Personalausweis.
- Copy of nationality certificate/Einbuengerungsurkunde.
- Citizenship Renunciation Certificate where applicable.
- Copy of previous Indian passport/trace of last Indian passport (in case of submission upon naturalization, a letter from the respective government office is required which states the same) OR any document which clearly establishes applicant's previous nationality as Indian.
- Marriage certificate where applicable (additionally passport copy of spouse).
- Divorce papers where applicable.

**B. OCI card for Adults born to Indian parents and never held an Indian passport – Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

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- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary(www.cgihamburg.de -> Consular services -> application forms ->[OCI Application](#)).
- Clean copy of current Foreign passport.
- Copy of Birth certificate clearly stating name of parents and documents clearly establishing parents' Indian nationality
- 3 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses.
- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities/Personalausweis.
- Parents' marriage certificate copy
- Parents' current Indian Passport copy
- A certificate from the Local Authorities that the applicant is a foreign national by birth.
- Marriage certificate of applicant where applicable (additionally passport copy of spouse).
- Copy of Divorce papers where applicable.

**C. OCI card for Children below 18 yrs (who held an Indian Passport) – Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature(in case of minors who cannot sign, left hand thumb impression) along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

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- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary(www.cgihamburg.de -> Consular services -> application forms ->[OCI Application](#)).
- Clean copy of current German passport.
- 3 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses.
- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities.
- Copy of nationality certificate/Einbuengerungsurkunde.
- Citizenship Renunciation Certificate where applicable.
- Copy of previous Indian passport/trace of last Indian passport (in case of submission upon naturalization, a letter from the respective government office is required which states the same) OR any document which clearly establishes applicant's previous nationality as Indian.
- Parents' Passport/OCI copies
- Copy of Marriage Certificate of parents

**D. OCI card for Children below 18 yrs born to Indian parents and never held an Indian passport – Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature(in case of minors who cannot sign, left hand thumb impression) along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

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- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary(www.cgihamburg.de -> Consular services -> application forms ->[OCI Application](#)).
- Clean copy of current Foreign passport.
- Copy of Birth certificate clearly stating name of parents and documents clearly establishing parents' Indian nationality

- 3 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses.
- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities/Personalausweis.
- Parents' marriage certificate copy
- Parents' current Indian Passport copy
- A certificate from the Local Authorities that the applicant is a foreign national by birth.

**E. OCI card for spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India of spouse of foreign origin of an Overseas Citizen of India cardholder registered under section 7A – Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

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**Please Note: Marriage must be registered and subsisted for a continuous period of not less than two years immediately preceding the presentation of the application under this section**

**The entire application must be submitted in DUPLICATE – All documents including application form must be submitted in duplicate**

- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary(www.cgihamburg.de -> Consular services -> application forms ->[OCI Application](#)). – 2 copies
- Clean copy of current Foreign passport. – 2 copies
- Copy of Birth certificate clearly stating name of parents – 2 copies
- 4 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses. – 2 copies
- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities/Personalausweis. – 2 copies
- Marriage certificate copy. (Note: In case marriage has taken place in India, the marriage certificate must be attested by the Ministry of External Affairs in India. In case, the marriage has taken in any country other than India or Germany, the marriage certificate must be attested by the nearest Indian mission/post in the country of marriage) – 2 copies
- Spouse current Indian Passport copy or OCI card copy – 2 copies
- A letter from the Indian Origin spouse that he/she has no objection to her spouse from obtaining an OCI card – 2 copies

- An undertaking from both the applicant and the spouse stating the date from which they are married and living together and that in the event of separation or divorce the OCI card will be returned failing which it will be taken back with appropriate penalty. – 2 copies

**F. Conversion from PIO to OCI - Applicants for OCI are required to upload all the requisite documents (self-attested), photograph as per specification, and signature(in case of minors who cannot sign, left hand thumb impression) along with the application. After the applicant submits the completed application online, the originals of the supporting documents have to be submitted at the Consulate along with the fees.**

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- Application form duly filled in and signed wherever necessary(www.cgihamburg.de -> Consular services -> application forms ->[OCI Application](#))
- Clean copy of current Foreign passport
- Copy of the valid PIO card
- 3 recent passport photographs measuring **50mmx50mm** without border and showing full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders having a white or light colored background. No glare if wearing glasses
- Copy of "Meldebescheinigung" from the concerned local authorities/Personalausweis
- Fees payable - € 2.00

*Note :*

1. *In the case of applicants below 18 yrs of age, additionally-Birth Certificate of the child and Parents passport/OCI copies required.*
2. *In the case of adults it is advisable to provide self-attested copy of previous Indian passport (if any), Birth certificate, marriage certificate(if any), spouse passport copy(if applicable)*

**G . Fee Structure**

- OCI card - Fee- **€216.00 + €2.00 (Cash only)**
- In case the application is rejected €22.00 will be deducted as processing charges**
- OCI Miscellaneous Service - **€20.00 + €2.00 (Cash only)**
  - Issue of OCI card in case of Loss/Damage of OCI documents - **€79.00 + €2.00 (Cash only)**