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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards**

PIO cards will continue to be accepted as a valid travel document till 31 December 2025 along with foreign passport and Indian Immigration Check post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till 31 December 2025.

The validity of PIO cards may be affected by updates and changes by International Civil Aviation Organization [ICAO]. Hence all PIO card holders are advised to check the latest guidelines of ICAO regarding handwritten PIO cards before travelling. In case ICAO do not allow the travel, the PIO card holders may need to obtain appropriate visa to travel to India from Indian Mission/post. If PIO card holder is already living in India, they would apply for service of 'New Visa' from nearest FRRO on the e-FRRO online portal.

All existing PIO Cardholders are urged to get their PIO cards converted into OCI cards by the deadline of **31 December 2025**.

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