

**Embassy of India
Bangkok**

**Subject: Acceptance of PIO cards as valid travel document
till 31.12.2023**

The Embassy of India wishes to inform that the deadline for accepting handwritten PIO card as a valid travel document (along with a valid foreign passport) has been extended until 31.12.2023. The Government of India will continue to accept PIO cards as valid travel documents along with a valid foreign passport and PIO cards will remain valid for entry/exit into India till 31.12.2023.

2. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the interim any deadline is notified by ICAO, thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO card holders shall have to obtain appropriate visa from the Embassy of India prior to their departure to India.

3. In this regard, all PIO card holders are once again requested to apply for conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards as per the extant guidelines at the earliest.

4. Meanwhile, all PIO Card holders with valid PIO cards as on 09.01.2015 in Bangkok may apply for conversion of PIO card to OCI card as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time. Details of OCI application can be seen at <https://ociservices.gov.in>.

**Bangkok
28th December, 2022**