

Advisory

Subject: Extension of time line for handwritten travel documents (PIO Cards) beyond 31.12.2024

All the PIO card holders are informed that the Bureau of Immigration (BoI) will accept PIO cards as valid travel document till 31.12.2025 along with valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till 31.12.2025. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime any deadline is notified by the ICAO thereby making hand written PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from India Missions/Posts.

Further, **existing PIO cardholders are informed that no further extension will be given and they will have to get their PIO cards converted to OCI card by 31.12.2025**, otherwise they will have to get Visa from the India Missions/Posts abroad for travel to India and apply for service of “New Visa” from FRROs on the e-FRRO online portal if they are already living in India.
