

Deadline for the conversion of PIO to OCI Cards – 31.12.2017

“The last date for the conversion of PIO to OCI without payment of fee is 31.12.2017. All PIO card holders are required to convert their PIO Cards into OCI cards.”

The PIO Card scheme was discontinued by Government of India (GoI) wef 9.1.2015. The existing PIO card holders were made at par with OCI Card till their conversion into OCI cards. To facilitate this, GoI allowed free of charge conversion of PIO cards into OCI cards up to 31.12.2017. After expiry of this date, an applicable fee will be charged for issuance/conversion of PIO cards into OCI cards.

All PIO card holders in Mexico and Belize are advised to convert their PIO cards into OCI cards before the expiry of date i.e. 31.12.2017. The conversion process to OCI card is simple and does not require any documentation except the foreign passport, the existing PIO card and a proof of residence.