

CHECKLIST FOR CONVERSION OF PIO TO OCI

- PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW CHECKLIST TO APPLY FOR AN OCI CARD / CONVERT YOUR PIO TO OCI.
- THE CONSULATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CALL FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS, AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.
- An OCI Card may be approved and is valid for a life time. It must however be replaced each time a new passport is issued up to Completion of 20 years of age, and once after completing 50 years.

Entry to BLS International Services Canada Inc., Indian Visa Application Centers (VAC):

1. Due to the limited size of VACs, attorneys (those accompanying applicants), relatives, drivers, or friends are not allowed in the VAC. An applicant may however, bring one person to assist him/her if he or she is elderly, disabled, or a minor child. Applicants should bear in mind that they may stand outside the facilities for their turn, please dress according to weather conditions on the day of your visit.
2. If you cannot visit the VAC, it is recommended that you use the postal service to submit your application. Alternatively, to book a pickup and/or drop via FedEx, visit <http://www.blsindia-canada.com/vas/>

1	<u>Registration:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>ONLINE APPLICATION FORM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application (OCI IN LIEU OF PIO) must be completed and submitted online by visiting: https://passport.gov.in/oci/ - Please note: All information updated online by the applicant will be printed on their OCI book. BLS International employees CANNOT make any changes to your online application form and request you to fill out your information as per your passport. - Please print out the application form and bring it to the nearest BLS Center for submission, along with the below documents and a copy of this Checklist. - Kindly note, OCI in lieu of valid PIO is issued only in cases of valid PIO card. If your PIO card is no longer valid you may have to apply for fresh OCI.
	<p>ONLINE FORM FILLING INSTRUCTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PIO to OCI application is in two parts – Part A and B. Both must be completed. - Please select ‘Change of Passport particulars’ and ‘Change of Personal Particulars’ for all unmarried, minor applicants, for those whose spouse’s name is not entered in their previous PIO card and for those whose marital status has changed. If married, please enter the spouse’s name as per their current valid passport. Please note it is mandatory to write the marital status in OCI MISC forms. - If there are more changes to be made, for example, change of address/ name change, along with the change in your passport number, please select one or all relevant services as applicable to you. - Kindly Fill parents/spouse name as per your previous PIO card, for any variations supporting documents should be provided. - Please ensure that you are selecting the correct Indian mission based on the place where you reside in Canada, and the mission’s jurisdiction. The Mission jurisdiction can be viewed at: http://www.blsindia-canada.com/ocihome.php - Ensure that you register for the OCI in the current year. Forms completed in previous years will not be accepted. - Please print applicant’s name, place of birth, date of birth, passport issue according to Valid Canadian/ Foreign passport. - As part of the registration process, the supporting documents have to be uploaded using the same registration number. - After submission online, no changes can be made. In case of any error, please fill a fresh new online application and re-upload the required documents.
	<p>Name Variation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please fill in your name according to your current Canadian/ Foreign passport. - If there is any Name Variation; please select ‘Change of Personal Particulars’ - Please fill out the ‘Previous Name’ field (as per last Indian Passport, only if it differs from the current Canadian/ Foreign passport. <p>For Former Indian Nationals, whose middle name is not endorsed in their current foreign Passport;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the middle name is not endorsed in your current Canadian/ Foreign passport, but it is endorsed in your PIO, the please enter your full name, as it appears in your last Indian Passport under ‘Previous Name’ only, in the online OCI form. - Also, submit a written declaration to the Consulate General of India. <p>All other Nationals, including former Indians: If there is a name variation or complete name change, please submit a Name Change Certificate, issued by the Ministry of Ontario.</p>

Signature of Applicant _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One photo of size 51mm x 51 mm. Paste this on Page 1 of the Application Form. - Photograph can be taken in a white, off-white, light colored background in a glossy finish - Please note: The photograph uploaded online must be the same as the physical photograph pasted on your OCI application form. - Photo must be compliant with specifications; refer to http://www.blsindia-canada.com/photo_spec.php. You can avail of this service at any of the walk-in Centers. <p>Please note: BLS International will print the photograph for you however; you are required to upload the same to your application online.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>SIGNATURE INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>Signature / thumb impression (minors) have to be uploaded online, before filling Part B. Once the form is printed, the applicant has to manually sign in blue or black ink on page 2 of the application form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minors: Both parents must sign together in the Minor’s Declaration Column found on PART B of the application form in column number 36, along with the signature/thumb impression of the minor applicant (page 2). If the minor cannot sign, they have to endorse their thumb impression (left for boys and right for girls) in black or blue ink.
<p>2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DOCUMENTS</p> <p>Please attach the following documents mentioned below in original and also bring copies of the same on LETTER size paper. All photocopies have to be Self-Attested: Write on the photocopy “This is a true copy of the original” and sign and date it.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: All the personal particulars of the applicant such as name, date of birth, place of birth, parents’ names, etc must be the same in all the supporting documents. If there is any change in personal information, you may be required to submit an Affidavit explaining the reasons for change, along with any valid documentary evidence.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CANADIAN / FOREIGN PASSPORT (Please bring your current and old passport which OCI was obtained earlier)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be valid for at least 190 days or 6 months. - Foreign passport holders (non-Canadian), kindly provide a “Reference Form” along with the application. <i>Can be downloaded http://www.cgitoronto.ca/docs/REFERENCE%20FORM.pdf</i> <p>Previous Canadian / Foreign passport (photo page) on which OCI was obtained</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PIO CARD - Original & Photocopy of the first and last page (Original to be submitted for cancellation, it will be return back to the applicant). Kindly note, OCI in lieu of valid PIO is issued only in cases of valid PIO card. If your PIO card is no longer valid you may have to apply for fresh OCI.</p> <p>Lost PIO cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants whose PIO cards are lost and does not have a photocopy of their PIO card have to apply for a new OCI application and follow the checklist for new OCI - If you have a photocopy of your valid PIO card along with the detailed Police report which has the PIO card number, you may submit the application at BLS with a notarized affidavit with all other documents mentioned in this checklist.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>MINOR APPLICANTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint declaration by both parents stating that they have no objection for their child to acquire an OCI, along with photos of parents, email addresses, phone numbers and signatures. <p>*Both parents must sign together in the Minor’s Declaration Column found on PART B of the application form in column number 36.*</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>REFERENCE FORM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If PIO was issued in another country and / or if you are holding a non-Canadian passport please fill out the Reference Form. http://www.cgitoronto.ca/docs/REFERENCE%20FORM.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Screenshots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After registering your application online, please bring a screenshot of the documents that you have uploaded by visiting the website https://passport.gov.in/oci/

3.	<p>Fees:</p> <p>Mail In Applications: Postal applications will be accepted at Brampton Centre only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enclose a Demand draft or Money order of Canadian dollars \$157 in favor of “Consulate General of India, Toronto” - Enclose a separate Demand Draft, in favor of ‘BLS International Service Canada Inc.’ to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BLS Processing Fee. - Add: Return Courier charges <p>Walk In Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please bring demand draft or Money order in Canadian dollars – CAD 157, in favor of ‘The Consulate General of India, Toronto’ - BLS fees can be paid by debit or Cash (exact change) only.
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The above guidelines are defined by the High Commission of India, Canada, for consular services for India, and must be strictly followed. The High Commission of India, Canada Information and Application Centre will not accept applications which do not meet above guidelines. They also reserve the right to request for a personal interview. BLS International Services Canada Inc. have no say on whether you will be granted a visa/passport/ OCI card for India, as this is entirely the prerogative of the High Commission of India, Canada. The Mission may also request for additional documentation at anytime during or after the submission of the application.

Undertaking: I certify that my documents are arranged in the order given at the Checklist above. I have been informed that any insufficiency in documentation as mentioned in the Checklist may lead to a delay in the processing/rejection of my application.

Please print your name: _____ Signature: _____

DOCUMENT UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Important:

- Please visit the link <http://passport.gov.in/oci> to apply for OCI in lieu or valid PIO.
- **Please bring a screenshot of the photograph and signature and documents uploaded.**

A) PHOTO / SIGNATURE UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Important: The images must be in JPEG or JPG, with maxsize 200 kb.

(1) APPLICANT’S PHOTOGRAPH:

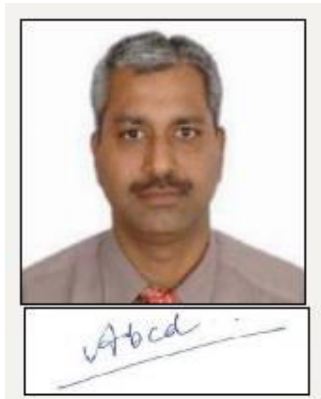
- The height and width of the Applicant Photo must be equal.
- The minimum dimensions are 200 pixels (width) x 200 pixels (height). The maximum dimensions are 900 pixels (width) x 900 pixels (height).

(I) APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE / THUMB IMPRESSION (MINORS WHO CANNOT SIGN):

- The height and width of the Signature Photo must have aspect ratio 1:3.
- The minimum dimensions are 200 pixels (width) x 67 pixels (height). The maximum dimensions are 900 pixels (width) x 300 pixels (height).
- Ensure that the shoulders are touching the border (as in the picture below).
- Please ensure that the picture is captured in white / light background and then uploaded.
- Uploaded images must be the same as the physical photograph submitted in the form and must be uploaded in color and NOT black and white.

Signature of Applicant _____

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OR



(for minors who cannot sign)

B) DOCUMENT UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS (OCI in lieu of PIO)

- Document-Upload Section of Online OCI- Registration has 7 categories. Documents relevant to your application have to be uploaded.
- Max file size allowed for a document file is 500kb
- The document file should be in PDF format
- Please scan and upload the self-attested copies

Please scan the documents in a single file for each category as mentioned below;

CATEGORIES ↓	ADULTS (18 AND ABOVE) ↓	FOR MINOR APPLICANTS ↓
CURRENT PASSPORT	Current Passport Copy (photo page)	Current Passport Copy (photo page)
INDIAN ORIGIN PROOF	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
INDIAN VISA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
PIO CARD	Copy of PIO card first and last page	Copy of PIO card first and last page
SPOUSE OCI CARD	Not Applicable	Not applicable
RELATIONSHIP CERTIFICATE	Not applicable	Not Applicable
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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