

CHECKLIST FOR OCI “OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP OF INDIA”

- ❖ THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF DOCUMENTS /CHECKLIST TO BE SUBMITTED, ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION FOR AN OCI CARD.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ You may visit any of our BLS Centers to have your documentation verified and cross checked before you apply for your OCI.
- ❖ You may also refer to the OCI guidelines available on the Consulate General of India’s website by clicking this link - http://www.cgitoronto.ca/eoi.php?id=oci_application

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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 Purolator, visit <http://www.blsindia-canada.com/vas/>

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ONLINE FORM FILLING INSTRUCTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application must be completed and submitted online by visiting : http://passport.gov.in/oci/ ➤ Ensure that you register for the OCI in the current year. Forms completed in previous years will not be accepted ➤ Be sure to also select the correct Indian mission based on the place where your side in Canada, and the mission’s jurisdiction. The Mission jurisdiction can be viewed at: http://www.blsindia-canada.com/ocihome.php ➤ Under Applicant’s Information, please fill in the name details(Given name & Sur name), as per your current Canadian / Foreign passport. Please fill out the ‘Previous Name’ field (as per your last Indian Passport, only if it differs from the current Canadian/ Foreign passport). ➤ Under Applicant’s Family Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents full name must be filled, according to the applicant’s last or surrendered Indian Passport(Do not mention “Late” if deceased). If the applicant is holding a foreign passport and neither the applicant nor parents, held an Indian passport, then the parent’s name should be entered as per their valid current passport. If the parents’ name differs from the applicant’s Birth certificate, please furnish supporting documents in lieu of the name variation. - If married, the spouse’s name has to be filled up as per their spouse’s current passport. For any name variation, supporting documents to be furnished. ➤ Unmarried Applicants: For both minors and adults: In the online form, please fill in ‘unmarried’ ➤ For foreign nationals applying on basis of their spouse’s OCI card, please select YES to the question ‘Are you applying on basis of your spouse’s OCI card and follow additional instructions under ‘Proof of Indian origin’ - Section B in this checklist. OCI applications on spousal basis are required to have prior approval from the Consulate, which will be given after a brief interview of the applicant. ➤ For former Indian nationals or those of Indian origin, whose spouse has an OCI card, please select NO to the question ‘Are you applying on basis of your spouse’s OCI card’ ➤ Please enter your current address as per your current proof of address (driver’s license, utility bill) ➤ In Part B – please fill in the details of your family’s OCI card number or web file number, along with the dates when they were granted OCI (if applicable). <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SIGNATURE INSTRUCTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Signature / thumb impression (for minors who cannot write their name) has 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. ➤ Minors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both parents must sign together in the Minor’s Declaration section (no. 36) in part B of the application form.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>NAME VARIATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there is a name variation or complete name change, please submit a name change certificate, issued by the Ministry of Ontario or provincial Government in Canada. - A Notarized affidavit may also be required in cases where supporting documents are not attested or, if the appropriate documents are not authenticated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><u>PHOTOGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One photo of size 51 mm x 51 mm ➤ Photograph can be taken in off-white, light colored background in a glossy finish ➤ 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 https://www.blsindia-canada.com/photo_spec.php ➤ You can avail of this service at any of the walk-in Centers. Please note: You may avail of the photograph service at BLS however; you are required to scan the physical photo and upload the same to your application online.
<p>2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCUMENT CHECK - IMPORTANT GUIDELINES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 by writing "This is a true copy of the original," signing and dating it. ➤ 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 or change in appearance (e.g.-removal or turban/ hijab, etc), you may be required to submit an Affidavit explaining the reasons for change, along with any additional supporting documents. ➤ For all those married applicants applying individually, documents of their spouse also have to be provided, even if they are not applying for the OCI. Refer to 'Marital Status' section of this checklist for further information. ➤ Any document (original/photocopy) which is not provided in English language might require English translation from authorized translator. ➤ All personal particulars of the applicant (In Foreign passport/Application) such as name, DOB, place of birth, parents names, appearance, etc. must be the same as in their Surrendered Indian passports. If there is any change, a duly notarized affidavit (original) is required to be submitted.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CANADIAN / FOREIGN PASSPORT: (Only photocopy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be valid for at least 180 days or 6 months. - Foreign passport holders (non-Canadian), kindly provide a "Reference Form" along with the application. Download link here: https://www.blsindia-canada.com/CanadaVisaCCT/reference-form.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>LAST HELD INDIAN PASSPORT – : (For Former Indian nationals / those born in India) (Original is must)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copies of any observatory pages, first and last pages of your 'Surrendered' passport.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>SURRENDER CERTIFICATE: <i>(Surrender Certificates were issued on or after June 01, 2010) (Original is must)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you have not surrendered your Indian passport, please click here http://blsindia-canada.com/renunciation_ppt.php for document checklist, forms and fees to apply for the same. ➤ If you have misplaced / lost your Surrender Certificate, you may provide a photocopy of the Indian passport that was surrendered and endorsed with the stamp 'Cancelled on acquiring Foreign Citizenship' and apply for duplicate/deemed surrender certificate after taking pre-approval from consulate. ➤ If you have misplaced or lost your Indian passport, you have to obtain a Police report and Affidavit and apply for a Deemed Surrender Certificate, with prior approval from the Consulate General of India
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CANADIAN/ FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE : Canadians please provide a copy of the long Oath Certificate copy</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PROOF OF ADDRESS: Copy of your driver's license or any recent utility bill (less than 6 months)</p>

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PROOF OF INDIAN ORIGIN: (Original is must)

In case the applicant (born in India or former Indian national) does not have any Indian passport:

- He/she can prove his/her Indian origin by submitting Indian passport of any one of his/her parents or grand-parents to prove his origin along with documents like birth or education certificate etc. **authenticated** by the Ministry of External Affairs, as well as proof of the relationship with their parent/grandparent should be submitted.
- School leaving certificate, at least Secondary School onwards from the Board or a school leaving certificate from India should be authenticated by Director of Education/District Magistrate/District Collector of the area with name, stamp, seal and contact telephone numbers with area code for verification may be provided.
- In case the applicant does not have any of the above proof to establish his/her Indian origin, he/she must obtain a **'Nativity' Certificate** issued by a State Government in India by an authority not below a District Collector/ District Magistrate. This should be duly authenticated by Ministry of External Affairs for OCI eligibility. **Please note:** If the applicant was born in India and is submitting a 'Nativity' certificate then he/she needs to submit an Affidavit from a Notary public mentioning that they never held an Indian passport and also explaining how they traveled to Canada.
A copy of sample 'Nativity Certificate' application format along with copy of sample 'Nativity certificate' can be viewed in any search engine (Google, etc) under 'Nativity Certificate'. Alternatively, the details of the process of attestation by Ministry of External Affairs is available on the website: <http://mea.gov.in/apostille.htm>

For those applying on basis of their parents / spouse, please refer to the below additional documentation;

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS: (All documents in original are must)

A. FOR MINORS/ ADULTS BOTH OUTSIDE INDIA, APPLYING ON BASIS OF PARENTS WHO ARE OF INDIAN ORIGIN:

Please provide the below documents of **both** parents, as applicable;

- Current **valid** status in Canada (Canadian passport / PR card / Work Permit).
- Surrendered Indian passports of parents (only applicable if they have acquired foreign citizenship)
- Surrender certificates, if applicable
- The landing paper of both parents with category.
- Statement of Live Birth Certificate (reflecting both parents' names). If the Birth Certificate is issued in another country, it is to be endorsed by the concerned Diplomatic Mission and thereafter by the Consulate General in Toronto.
- Marital Status of Parents & applicant (if married); ***If applicant is married, spouse's documents have to also be submitted.** (Refer to 'Marital status' section of this checklist).
- ❖ Marriage Certificate (applicable only if either parent's names (*both of who are current/ former Indian origin*) are not included in their respective Indian passports). *For more details on Marriage Certificate requirements, refer to 'Marriage Certificate' section.*
- ❖ If parents are divorced, court order of dissolution of marriage, which specifically mentions that the legal custody of the child is with the parent who is applying for the OCI card (*follow divorcee requirements under 'Marital section' of this checklist*).
- ❖ If one of the parent's is deceased, please submit the Death Certificate. (*Certificates from Funeral homes are not accepted*).

➤ **FOR MINOR APPLICANTS BORN IN INDIA;** please submit the below documents;

- Current **valid** status in Canada of minor and parents (Canadian passport / PR card / Work Permit).
- Surrendered Indian passports of minor & parents (*only applicable if parents have acquired foreign citizenship*)
- Surrender certificates of minor & parents, if applicable
- The landing paper of minor & parents.
- Parent's Marital Status:
 - ❖ Parent's Marriage Certificate (*for more details on Marriage Certificate requirements, refer to 'Marriage Certificate' section*)
 - ❖ If parents are divorced, court order of dissolution of marriage including authenticated document which specifically mentions that the legal custody of the child is with the parent who is applying for the OCI card (*follow divorcee requirements under 'Marital section' of this checklist*).
 - ❖ If one of the parent's is deceased, please submit the Death Certificate. (*Certificates from Funeral homes are not accepted*)
- **NO OBJECTION LETTER (FOR MINORS ONLY):** Joint self-declaration with photographs and signatures of both parents, mentioning their mobile numbers and email IDs, stating their no objection for their minor child to apply for the OCI card. Form can be downloaded from <https://www.blsindia-canada.com/CanadaVisaCCT/no-objection-letter.pdf>
- **Please note:** Both parents to also sign the online OCI application form (Part B) /page 2. Please follow the checklist for additional documents for minors.

B. FOR THOSE APPLYING ON BASIS OF THEIR SPOUSE, WHO IS A FORMER INDIAN NATIONAL AND EXISTING OCI CARD HOLDER: (All documents in original are must)

- OCI applications on spousal basis are required to have prior approval from the Consulate, which will be given after a brief interview of the applicant.
- For applicants, NOT of INDIAN origin, (including those whose parents / grandparents were not former Indians), they may apply on basis of their spouse who is of Indian origin or a former Indian national **and an existing OCI card holder**. Please select 'yes' to the question "If you are applying on basis of your spouse's OCI". After printing the online form, the right side of the form would display '**Foreign Spouse Application.**'

➤ **Please note: Any Marriage / Birth Certificates (for those married / born outside of Canada, excluding India), have to be authenticated by the Embassy of your Country, located in Canada and thereafter attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto.**

➤ Statement of Live Birth Certificate of the applicant (reflecting both parents' names). If the Birth Certificate is issued in another country, it is to be endorsed by the concerned Diplomatic Mission and thereafter by the Consulate General in Toronto.

FOREGIN SPOUSE APPLICANTS KINDLY NOTE:

- Eligibility : A spouse of a citizen of India or OCI cardholder whose marriage has been registered and subsisted for a continuous period of two years at the time of submitting application is eligible for registration of his/her OCI application under the spousal category.
- OCI applications on spousal basis are required to have prior approval from the Consulate, which will be given after a brief interview of the applicant.

Please provide the below documents of the spouse, who is currently an OCI card holder;

- Their OCI card
- Their current passport
- Their landing paper.
- Surrendered Indian passport
- Surrender Certificate, if applicable
- **Marriage Certificate:** If the Marriage Certificate is issued by the Canadian Authorities (longer version), it should be first authenticated by the concerned Provincial's Ministry of Services and thereafter attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto. In case of Marriage Certificate issued by other Foreign Governments, it should be endorsed by the concerned Diplomatic Mission and thereafter attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto. **Once attested, it should be uploaded online under 'Marriage Certificate'**. (Please refer to 'Marriage Certificate' section in this checklist).
- A written declaration that in the event of dissolution of marriage or death of the Indian spouse, the applicant shall notify and return the OCI card forthwith to the Consulate General of India, Toronto or the nearest Indian Mission.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE: (Please also refer to 'Marital Status' section below for additional documents, original document is must)

Please submit the Marriage certificate in cases mentioned below;

- Those current / former Indian nationals married to foreign nationals
- For those of foreign nationality
- For those who currently hold or held Indian passports and are / were of Indian origin, whose spouse's name is not printed in each other's respective Indian passports

- If married in India:

Married applicants have to provide marriage certificate issued by the Registrar of Marriages or District Administration. Please note that the Consulate does not recognize marriage certificates issued by Village Panchayats, Wakf Boards, Gurudwara and Churches in India unless these are attested/authenticated by the concerned District Administration and the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

- If married in Canada / Outside of India:

For those married in Canada, Marriage Certificate issued by the Ministry of the respective province to be further authenticated by the Provincial Government (for example- if married in Ontario- You may get it authenticated by Ministry of Services, Ontario: Link here: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/authenticate-document-use-outside-canada#section-2>) and then attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto.

In case the Marriage Certificate is issued by other Foreign Governments, it should be authenticated by that concerned Diplomatic Mission in Canada then further attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto.

- Once attested, only then upload the Marriage certificate online.
- **Please note:** Marriage licenses are NOT accepted.

MARITAL STATUS: (All documents in original are must)

Unmarried Applicants: For both minors and adults: In the online form, please fill in 'unmarried' in the online form.

If married, provide the below documents of your spouse, even if he/she is not applying for OCI:

- Their current passport copy
- Surrendered Indian passport (first and last page, observation page if any)
- Surrendered certificate, if applicable
- Their status in Canada
- **Record of Landing/ Landing paper.**
- Marriage Certificate: Please refer to 'Marriage Certificate' section above
- If Spouse is born outside India, birth certificate with parent's name (Should be issued by the Ministry of the respective province and might need further authentication by the concerned District Administration/Ministry)

In case of death of spouse:

- Death Certificate issued by Government authorities.
- Funeral Home Certificate is **not acceptable.** (Should be issued by the Ministry of the respective province)

FOR DIVORCEES:

- **Divorcee** applicants are required to submit their divorce certificate. **Please note: EX-Parte divorce certificates, court letter is not accepted.**
- If divorced in Canada, the divorce certificate /court letter should be authenticated from the respective province's Ministry of Services and further attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto.
- If divorced in another country, divorce certificate to be authenticated by the county's Embassy and furthermore attested by the Consulate General of India, Toronto.
- If Married in India and divorced in India – Divorce certificate issue by the Family court.

FEES

Refer to fee schedule at: <http://blsindia-canada.com/ocihome.php>

- **Mail In Applications: Postal applications will be accepted at Brampton Centre only.**
 - Enclose a Demand draft or Money order of Canadian dollars **\$345** in favor of "Consulate General of India, Toronto"
 - Enclose a separate Demand Draft, in favor of 'BLS International Service Canada Inc.' to include:
 - BLS Processing Fee.
 - Add: Return Courier charges

- **Walk In Applications:**
 - Please bring demand draft or Money order of **\$345** in Canadian dollars in favor of 'The Consulate General of India, Toronto'
 - BLS fees can be paid by debit or Cash (exact change) only.

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:** _____

UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Please visit the link <http://passport.gov.in/oci> to upload your documents / photograph and signature for OCI.

A) PHOTO / SIGNATURE UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Important: The images must be in JPEG or JPG, with max size 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 (FOR MINORS WHO CANNOT WRITE THEIR NAME):

- 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 off 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.



FOR (for minors who cannot write their name)

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B) DOCUMENT UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- 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 PDF for each category as mentioned below;

CATEGORIES	ADULTS (18 AND ABOVE)	FOR MINOR APPLICANTS & ADULTS BORN OUTSIDE INDIA	FOR MINOR APPLICANTS BORN IN INDIA	APPLICANTS APPLYING ON SPOUSE BASIS
CURRENT PASSPORT	- Current Passport Copy (photo page)	- Current Passport Copy (photo page)	- Current Passport Copy (photo page)	- Current Passport Copy (photo page)
INDIAN ORIGIN PROOF	Surrendered Indian passport (first and last page) with stamp showing 'Cancelled on acquiring foreign citizenship.' *For those that misplaced/lost their Indian passport, upload relevant documents like 'deemed Surrender certificate' or refer to documents mentioned under 'Proof of Indian origin' section, for those that did not have an Indian passport	If applicant born outside India and never had any Indian passport, upload first and last page of both parent's current or surrendered Indian passports showing the 'Cancelled on acquiring foreign citizenship' stamp. If one of the parent's never held an Indian passport (eg-foreign national), they may upload their current foreign passport photo page	Minor's Surrendered Indian passport, along with both parents Indian passports first and last page. If one of the parent's never held an Indian passport (eg-foreign national), they may upload their current foreign passport photo page	Upload spouse's surrendered Indian passport (first and last page) showing the 'Cancelled on acquiring foreign citizenship' stamp.
INDIAN VISA	- Landing Paper * Refer to Record of landing section	- Landing Papers of both parents <i>Refer to Record of landing section</i> OR Current Valid Work Permits of parents	- Landing Paper of minors & parents * Refer to Record of landing section	- Landing Paper of applicant (applicable for those that immigrated to Canada) - Landing paper of spouse * Refer to Record of landing section
PIO CARD	-	-		-
SPOUSE OCI CARD	Upload spouse's OCI card first and last page as one file	Not applicable	If parent's have OCI card, upload first and last page here	Upload spouse's OCI card first and last page as one file
RELATIONSHIP CERTIFICATE	Not applicable	Statement of live birth Certificate reflecting both parent's names	Not applicable	Full version of birth Certificate reflecting both parents names for those applicants born outside India
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	Marriage Certificate or Divorce or Death Certificates can be uploaded here, attested by the concerned Govt. and further attested by Consulate General of India if applicable	<i>Parent's Marital Status to be uploaded here</i>	<i>Parent's Marital Status to be uploaded here</i>	Marriage Certificate attested by the concerned Govt. and further attested by Consulate General of India

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