

**EMBASSY OF INDIA  
BEIJING**

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**DATE- 21.02.2020**

**Extension of time-line for PIO cards beyond 31st March, 2020**

ALL EXISTING PIO CARD HOLDERS UNDER THE CONSULAR JURISDICTION OF EMBASSY OF INDIA, BEIJING ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT HANDWRITTEN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS/PIO CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT ALONG WITH VALID FOREIGN PASSPORT AT ALL INDIAN IMMIGRATION CHECK POST(S) TILL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 INSTEAD OF THE EARLIER CIRCULATED DEADLINE I.E. 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2020.

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BoI) WILL ACCEPT PIO CARDS AS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT TILL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 ALONGWITH VALID FOREIGN PASSPORT AND THE INDIAN IMMIGRATION CHECK POST(S) WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ALL PIO CARDS VALID FOR EXIT/ ENTRY INTO INDIA TILL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020. THIS EXTENSION OF TIMELINE IS SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT IF IN THE MEANTIME ANY DEADLINE IS NOTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION(ICAO) THEREBY MAKING HAND WRITTEN PIO CARDS INVALID, THEN PIO CARDHOLDERS MAY HAVE TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE VISA FROM INDIAN MISSIONS/ POSTS.

ALL THE PIO CARD HOLDERS WITH VALID PIO CARDS AS ON 09.01.2015 ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION OF THEIR PIO CARD TO OCI CARD AS PER THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY MHA FROM TIME TO TIME.

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