

## **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**. Government of India has decided that there will not be any further extension of this deadline. Applications for conversion of PIO cards to OCI cards after 31.12.2017 will be charged a fees of USD 275/- only.

**It may also be noted that after ICAO's rules/guidelines come into effect from October/November 2018, PIO cardholders travelling to India on the strength of their PIO cards (handwritten) will be refused entry at the Indian Immigration counters and sent back.**

In view of the above, 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.

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