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Embassy of India Santo Domingo

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PIO Card Scheme Discontinued – Mandatory Conversion to OCI by 31 December 2025

The Government of India has withdrawn the Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card scheme, merging it with the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card scheme since 2015.

Key Points:

- PIO cards will only be valid for travel to India until 31 December 2025, provided they are accompanied by a valid foreign passport.
- After this date, PIO cardholders will not be allowed entry/exit through Indian immigration checkpoints.
- If the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) announces an earlier deadline (e.g., banning handwritten PIO cards), such cards will become invalid before 31 December 2025, and a visa will be required for travel to India.
- No further extensions will be granted beyond this deadline. PIO cardholders residing in Dominican Republic & Haiti must apply for OCI conversion before this deadline.

Steps to Convert:

1. Apply online at: <https://ociservices.gov.in/welcome>
2. After applying, contact the Embassy of India in Santo Domingo at: cons.sdomingo@mea.gov.in for assistance.