

## **NOTICE**

This is to bring to the notice of all Indian origin residents of the Kingdom of Bahrain to register themselves as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI), if not already done so through the official website link <https://ociservices.gov.in>.

Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) scheme was introduced in August 2005. As per section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955), following categories of foreign nationals are eligible for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholder: -

- (a) Any person of full age and capacity
  - (i) who is a citizen of another country, but was a citizen of India at the time of, or at any time after the commencement of the Constitution i.e. 26.01.1950; or
  - (ii) who is a citizen of another country, but was eligible to become a citizen of India at the time of the commencement of the Constitution i.e. on 26.01.1950; or
  - (iii) who is a citizen of another country, but belonged to a territory that became part of India after 15.08.1947; or
  - (iv) who is a child or a grandchild or a great grandchild of such a citizen; or
- (b) a person, who is a minor child of a person mentioned in (a) above; or
- (c) a person, who is a minor child and whose both parents are citizens of India or one of the parents is a citizen of India; or
- (d) spouse of foreign origin of a citizen of India or spouse of foreign origin of an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder registered under section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and whose marriage has been registered and subsisted for a continuous period of not less than two years immediately preceding the presentation of the application.

An individual who is registered as an Overseas Citizen of India will have the following benefits: -

- (i) Multiple entry lifelong visa for visiting India.
- (ii) Exemption from registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or Foreigners Registration Officer for any length of stay in India.
- (iii) Parity with Indian nationals in the matter of tariffs in air fares in domestic sectors in India, entry fees to be charged for visiting national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, the national monuments, historical sites and museums in India.
- (iv) Parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of inter-country adoption of Indian children subject to the compliance of the procedure as laid down by the competent authority for such adoption; Appearing for the all India entrance tests such as National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination (Mains), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) or such other tests to make them eligible for admission only against any Non-Resident Indian seat or any supernumerary seat; Purchase or sale of immovable properties other than agricultural land or farm house or plantation property; Pursuing the following professions viz. doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, advocates, architects, chartered accountants etc. in India as per the provisions contained in the applicable relevant statutes or Acts as the case may be.

For complete information on OCI applications, please visit <https://ociservices.gov.in>

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