High Commission of India
Ottawa

Relaxation for OCI Card holders and Canadian nationals with visa to enable passage on special flights during COVID-19 situation

The Government of India has further relaxed the visa and travel restrictions for certain categories of OCI cardholders and other foreigners, who wants to travel to India on special flights from 12 June onwards. Accordingly, it has now been decided to permit the following categories of Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Cardholders to travel –

A. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Cardholders

(i)Minor children who hold OCI card and whose parents are Indian nationals;
(ii)OCI cardholders who wish to come to India on account of family emergencies like critical medical conditions of immediate family members or death;
(iii)Married couples where one spouse is an OCI cardholder and the other is an Indian national; and
(iv)Students who are OCI cardholders where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder.

B. Other Canadian nationals

(i)Foreign nationals who are minor children where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder;
(ii)Foreign nationals married to Indian citizens;
(iii)Foreign nationals who are single parents of minor children holding Indian passports or OCI card;
(iv)Students who are foreign nationals where at least one of their parents is an Indian citizen or an OCI cardholder; and
(v)Dependent family members of foreign diplomats and official/service passport holding service staff accredited to foreign diplomatic Missions, consular offices or accredited international Organizations in India.

Canadian nationals covered in sub-paras B (i) to (v) above shall have to obtain fresh visa of appropriate category from the Indian Missions/Posts abroad. Foreign nationals holding a valid long-term multiple entry visa of appropriate category issued by the High Commission of India, Ottawa shall have to get the visa re-validated from the High Commission.

Persons in above categories wish to travel to India during ongoing COVID-19 restrictions may approach the High Commission of India (cons.ottawa@mea.gov.in / cons1.ottawa@mea.gov.in) for further facilitation.

No visa is required for OCI cardholder categories listed at sub-paras A (i) to (iv)

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