

**High Commission of India
Port Moresby**

PRESS RELEASE

Launch of Electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) Card

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has launched Electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) Card on 30th June 2026, in place of physical OCI booklets, for use by all new applicants as well as existing physical OCI cardholders. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has also been issued for the convenience of applicants, detailing procedures on applying online, processing, and obtaining/downloading of digital e-OCI card.

2. It is informed that now onwards, only digital OCI card (e-OCI) will be issued to all new OCI applicants as well as existing physical booklet OCI cardholders. Printing of fresh physical OCI card booklets will no longer be undertaken.

3. The key features of the e-OCI card are as under: -

- (a) The new e-OCI card incorporates enhanced security features and has been integrated with all the ICPs and other modules.
- (b) The holder of e-OCI card will need not carry the physical copy of the OCI card at the time of Immigration Clearance and availing other services.
- (c) The e-OCI card can be downloaded by login into OCI portal (<https://ociservices.gov.in>) and through the official "Indian Visa Su-Swagatam" mobile app.

4. The physical booklets shall continue to remain valid and shall be accepted for immigration and other associated services. All existing OCI card holders are encouraged to download their e-OCI Card and keep a digital copy for travel and other purposes.

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