

Visa Procedures

Residency Related

1. Are foreign military personnel eligible for OCI grant?

No, foreign military personnel either in service or retired, are not entitled to receive the grant of OCI holder. Please refer to [Link](#) for more information.

2. If a person is already holding more than one nationality, can he/she apply for OCI?

Yes, as long as the local laws of at least one of the countries allow dual citizenship in some form or other, he/ she can apply for OCI.

3. Can an OCI holder undertake research work in India?

Yes, after getting prior approval/special permission from Ministry of Home Affairs, an OCI holder can undertake research work in India. Please refer to [Link](#) for more information.

4. What is the time taken for registration as OCI?

Within 30 days of the application, if there is no adverse information available against the applicant. If any adverse information is available, the decision to grant or otherwise is taken within 120 days. For more details, please refer the following link.

5. Can a person registered as an OCI be granted Indian citizenship?

Yes, as per the provisions of section 5(1) (g) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, a person who is registered as an OCI for 5 years and is residing in India for 1 year out of the above 5 years, is eligible to apply for Indian Citizenship. For more details, please refer link.

6. Will outside conceived offspring of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) be qualified to wind up an Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs)?

Yes, foreign-born children of PIOs are eligible to become OCIs provided one of the parents is eligible to become an OCI. For more information, [click here](#)