

## OCI Re-issue Applications (OCI Miscellaneous Services)

### A. What is OCI Re-issue?

Question	Answer
What is OCI re-issue?	Application for issuance of a new OCI card under OCI Miscellaneous Services.
When is it required?	Required in situations such as change in personal particulars or loss/damage of OCI card, change of nationality,
Is it online only?	No. It involves online application and physical submission through VFS Global with applicable fee.

### B. When should an applicant apply for OCI re-issue?

Situation	Requirement
After turning 20	If a new passport is issued after age 20, OCI must be re-issued once.
Change in personal particulars	Required for change in name, nationality, date of birth, parent's name or other details.
Lost/damaged OCI card	Must apply as per prescribed checklist.

Relevant VFS Checklists:

Category	Link for list of required documents (check-list)
Adult (Change in particulars)	<a href="https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Adult-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-Existing-OCI-Card-Aug-2025-updated.pdf">https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Adult-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-Existing-OCI-Card-Aug-2025-updated.pdf</a>
Minor (Change in particulars)	<a href="https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Minor-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-Existing-OCI-Card-Aug-2025.pdf">https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Minor-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-Existing-OCI-Card-Aug-2025.pdf</a>
Adult (Lost/Damaged)	<a href="https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Adult-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-lost-or-damaged-OCI-Card-Aug-2025.pdf">https://services.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/india/united-states-of-america/oci-services/pdf/Adult-OCI-card-in-lieu-of-lost-or-damaged-OCI-Card-Aug-2025.pdf</a>
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### C. How to apply for OCI re-issue

Step	Details
Step 1: Online application	Fill form, select category, upload documents, print application.
Step 2: Prepare physical packet	Include form, photo/signature, passport copy, OCI card (if available), supporting docs.

Step 3: Submit via VFS	Submit as per jurisdiction and pay fee.
Step 4: Processing	VFS forwards to Mission/Post; processing begins after acknowledgment.

VFS Service Page: <https://services.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/ind/apply-oci-services>

#### D. Processing Time

Normally 6–7 weeks from date of acknowledgment.

#### E. Application Suffix

Suffix	Meaning
M26	OCI re-issue application
M	Miscellaneous/Re-issue
26	Year of application

#### F. Travel Advisory During Re-issue

Aspect	Details
OCI card during process	Original OCI card is submitted; applicant will not have it.
Urgent travel	Obtain visa or e-visa.
Advisory	Apply well in advance.

#### G. Key Reasons for Delay

Reason	Explanation
Checklist not followed	Applicants do not review checklist properly.
Missing documents	VFS may hold the application for up to 21 days, after which it must be returned.

#### H. Advisory to Applicants

- Select the correct category.
- Review the checklist carefully.
- Ensure all documents are complete.
- Apply well in advance.
- Obtain visa/e-visa if urgent travel is required and OCI application is still under process.