

## **Latest Update on withdrawal of PIO Card scheme and merger of PIO card with OCI card**

- All PIO card holders are advised to submit application to change PIO card to OCI card before 30/09/2015.
- PIO card holders can submit application on <http://www.vfsglobal.com/india/australia/> website for applying OCI card in lieu of PIO Card.
- OCI card is a smart card which will facilitate quicker immigration clearance at ICPS and also for obtaining various consular services from the Indian Missions.
- The application may be submitted for OCI card in lieu of PIO card to the Indian Mission/FRRO concerned within the jurisdiction of his/her place of residence. **Consulate General of India, Melbourne accepts applications for Victoria and Tasmania's residents through VFS Global** which is located at Suite 4, level 12, 55 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000.

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