

**Consulate General of India  
Melbourne**

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**Public Notice**

All foreign governments may deny visa or entry into country on Non-machine readable passports' with effect from 24.11.2015 because of the International Civil Aviation Organization's(ICAO) decision to entirely phase out all 'Non-machine readable passports' by 24.11.2015.

Accordingly, Indian citizens residing in India and abroad with handwritten passports as well as 20 year validity passports, valid beyond 24.11.2015 are advised to apply for re-issue of passports in order to obtain 'Machine readable passports (MRPs) before 24.11.2015 to avoid any inconveniences in obtaining foreign visa or immigration problem.

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