



**Consulate General of India
Brisbane**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Individuals living in Queensland, Australia, eligible for registration as Overseas Citizens of India (OCI), are hereby invited to apply for OCI cards, issued by the Government of India under OCI card scheme launched in 2005. To ensure eligibility, please check criteria at <https://ociservices.gov.in/onlineOCI/#eligibility>

2. OCI cardholders enjoy several benefits including the following:

- A multiple entry, multi-purpose life-long visa for visiting India.
- Exemption from registration with local police authority for any length of stay in India.
- Parity with Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in respect of economic, financial and educational fields as per the relevant Acts, except in relation to acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.
- OCI can be used as identity proof for application of PAN Card and driving license as well as for opening a bank account if the OCI cardholder is residing in India.
- OCI cardholders are eligible for appointment as teaching faculty in IITs, NITs, IIMs, IISERs, IISc, Central Universities and the new AIIMS set up under the PMSSY scheme.

3. For further details, please visit:
<https://ociservices.gov.in/onlineOCI/userRegistration>.
