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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The validity of hand written PIO cards as travel document/visa to enter India stands extended up to December 31, 2022. Nevertheless, all PIO Cards holders residing in Zimbabwe are requested to get their PIO cards converted into OCI cards as soon as possible.

As per the latest guidelines issued by the MHA, Government of India, Bureau of Immigration (BoI), will accept PIO card as valid travel document along with current valid foreign passport and the Indian Immigration Checkpoints will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit from/entry into India till December 31, 2022. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime, any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts abroad.



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