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Press Release

**Merger of PIO and OCI Schemes**

The Embassy wishes to inform that Person of Indian Origin (PIO) card scheme has been withdrawn by Government of India and has been merged with Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card scheme w.e.f 9th January 2015. Hence as per Government of India Gazette Notification No.11 dated 9th January 2015, all PIO cardholders will be deemed to be Overseas Citizens of India cardholder.  Therefore, the Embassy of India will no longer be issuing PIO cards.  Fresh applications will be accepted only for Overseas Citizenship of India cards. For any clarification, please contact Mr. J.S. Dangi, Second Secretary (Consular) at Telephone No. 22533315, Mobile No.97229947 & e mail sscons@indembkwt.org & Shri D. K. Tripathi, Consular Wing at Telephone No.22530600 Extn-235

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