



**Consulate General of India  
Melbourne**

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**Advisory on PIO Cards  
PIO Card Validity Extended up to December 31, 2025**

According to the recent guidelines issued by Government of India (GoI), Indian Immigration will accept all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards, along with a valid foreign passport, as a valid travel document till December 31, 2025 instead of the earlier deadline of December 31, 2024.

2. Indian Immigration Check Post(s) will continue to consider all PIO cards valid for exit/entry into India till December 31, 2025. This extension of timeline is subject to the condition that if in the meantime, any deadline is notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) thereby making handwritten PIO cards invalid, then PIO cardholders may have to obtain appropriate visa from Indian Missions/Posts.
3. Indian Immigration will accept all Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cards, along with a valid foreign passport, as a valid travel document till December 31, 2025 instead of the earlier deadline of December 31, 2024.

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