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Application form for the Grant/Renewal of PIO CARD for people of Indian origin (To be filled in duplicate)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Ref. No.:

Referred MHA: Yes / No

Amount Received: £

PIO CARD No.:

Date App. Received:

Date of Issue:

NOTE: Please fill columns in **CAPITAL LETTERS**, all dates should be in **DD / MM / YYYY** format.
NO INFORMATION COLUMN SHOULD BE LEFT OUT

- 1 First Name:
- 2 Other Name / Surname:
- 3 Fathers Name:
- 4 Mother's Name:
- 5 Spouse Name:
- 6 Date of Birth: 7 Place of Birth:
- Town: State: Country:
- 8 Marital Status: S / M 9 Sex: M / F
- 10 Present Passport issued by:
Passport number: Date of Issue: Date of Expiry: Place of Issue:
- 11 Profession / Occupation:
- 12 Nationality (at birth):
- 13 E-mail Address:
- 14 Present Nationality with effective date:
- 15 Please give details of previous PIO card (if applicable):
Passport number: Date of Issue: Date of Expiry: Place of Issue:
- 16 Present Address: 17 Permanent Address:
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- State: State:
- Tel. No.: Fax: Tel. No.: Fax:
- 18 Office Address: 19 Address in India:
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- Tel. No.: Fax: Tel. No.: Fax:
- 20 Visible Distinguishing Marks:

**Please affix
4 recent Passport
size Photographs**

21 Does the applicant hold Dual Nationality? Yes / No If yes, please give details:
 Issuing Country: Passport No.: Date of Issue:
 Date of Expiry:

22 Have you held any other nationality in the past? Yes / No If yes, please give details:
 Name of Country: Date from: Date to:

23 Have you or your parents or grandparents held Indian passport? If yes, please give details:

Name of the passport holder	Relationship with the applicant	Date of birth	Place of birth
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(Please enclose photocopies of relevant documents)

24 Have you ever been refused Indian passport/travel document/visa for visiting India?
 If yes, please give details of place and date of application, purpose, reasons for refusal etc.

25 Name and addresses of two persons living in India known to the applicant:

Name of Referee: 1	2.....
Address:
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Telephone No.:	Telephone No.:

26 Details and mode of payment of fee:
 Amount with currency:
 Cheque/Postal Order number: Date: Place:

27 DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.**
 Date: Signature of the applicant

- 1 Please enclose all relevant documents substantiating your claim as a person of Indian origin (Please also see Col. 12 & 14.)
- 2 Attach 4 recent photographs.

** Furnishing of false information will result in summary rejection of the applicant.

Note: Acceptance of application form does not confer any right on the applicant to the PIO Card.

* Expression 'India' as given in Sub-section (1) of the Section 311 of the Government of India Act, 1935, means British India together with all territories of any Indian Ruler, the tribal areas, and any other territories which His Majesty in council may, from time to time, after ascertaining the views of the Federal Government and the Federal Legislature, declare to be part of India.

Two specimen signatures of the applicant:

Important Instructions to the Applicants

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

The following documents are to be submitted along with the application form for obtaining PIO card.

*** The existing (valid) passport. (in original, and one set of photocopies)**

* Indian passport (expired) or its photocopy

OR

Any 2 or more of the following documents:

- Letter from British Home Office confirming Indian origin.
- Indian passport or its photocopies of parents or grandparents of the applicant.
- Birth certificate of the applicant and of the parents or grandparents of the applicant.
- Nationality certificates of the applicant and of the parents or grandparents.
- School or college leaving certificates of the applicant or parents of the applicant.

*** Four recent passport size photographs of the applicant.**

Those applying as spouses of persons of Indian origin should submit original passport/PIO card of the spouse and original marriage certificate.

PAYMENTS

Fee: **£215-00** - **For applicants above 18 years**

£110-00 - **For applicants below 18 years**

* Fee: can be paid in **cash/Bank draft/Postal Orders** payable to the **Consulate General of India, Birmingham**

* A stamped self addressed special delivery envelope for despatching the PIO card.

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Completed applications along with the above mentioned documents can be submitted in person at the Consulate General of India, Birmingham between 0930 and 1200 hrs during any working day.

PROCESSING TIME:

The processing of the application will take **four weeks** from the date of receipt of the application. No enquiries will be entertained during this period. Certain cases may take more time.

VALIDITY OF THE PIO CARD:

A PIO card shall be valid for a period of fifteen years subject to the validity of the passport of the applicant.

BENEFITS OF PIO CARD:

- 1 A PIO card holder does not require a visa to visit India for 15 years from the date of issue of PIO card.
- 2 He/she is exempt from registration if his/her stay does not exceed 180 days in India. When the stay exceeds 180 days, he/she shall have to register within 30 days with the local FRRO.
- 3 He/she shall enjoy parity with NRIs in respect of facilities available to the latter in economic, financial and educational fields except in matters relating to the acquisition of agricultural/plantation properties.

These facilities include

- a) Acquisition, holding, transfer and disposal of immovable properties in India.
 - b) Admission of children in educational institutions in India under general category quota for NRIs including medical and engineering colleges, IITs, IIMs etc.
 - c) Various housing schemes of LIC of India, State Governments and other Government agencies.
- 4 All future benefits that would be extended to NRIs would also be available to the PIO card holders.
 - 5 However, they shall not enjoy political rights in India.

FACILITIES PROVIDED BY RESERVE BANK OF INDIA:

- 1 They can open Non-Resident (special) Rupee Accounts with banks in India, which will have the same facilities and restrictions as are applicable to residents in regard to the repatriation of funds held in these accounts and/or income/interest earned on them.
- 2 The residents or concerns can avail of interest bearing loans from NRI/PIOs out of funds remitted by them from abroad or out of funds held in their bank accounts in India, on repatriation basis subject to certain conditions.
- 3 They can transfer by way of gift shares held by them in Indian companies and to PIOs to transfer by way of gift immovable property held by them in India to registered charitable trusts/organisations subject to certain rules and acts.
- 4 They can invest on repatriation basis in Air Taxi operations subject to approval from DGCA.
- 5 All domestic public/private sector mutual funds for issue of Units to NRIs/PIOs/OCBs on both repatriation as well as non-repatriation basis.
- 6 They can place deposits with Indian firms, on non-repatriation basis and with Indian companies including non-banking financial companies.
- 7 They can sell shares acquired under direct investment schemes on stock exchanges in India.
- 8 They can invest in Government securities and treasury bills while granting permission for investment transactions.