

**High Commission of India
Pretoria**

**Extension of OCI Facility upto 7th Generation Persons of Indian Origin in
South Africa**

The Government of India has decided to extend the registration facility for issuance of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card to the descendants of 5th, 6th and 7th generations of the Indian origin immigrants who arrived in South Africa as migrants, indentured labourers and traders from India. Earlier, this facility was available only upto 4th generation of the original Indian immigrants who arrived in South Africa.

- The applicant after filling up the OCI application form online (<http://ociservices.gov.in>) should upload the supporting documents to establish lineage to India.
- The applicant has to prepare complete family tree establishing lineage to the Indian ancestors with supporting documents from South African archives in Durban and Pietermaritzburg who maintain digitized ships list and original records duly certified by the South African authorities.
- To establish Indian origin, the applicants may produce the documents produced by the government agencies under the law of Republic of South Africa in which the Place of Birth is mentioned as 'India' of their root ancestors up to 6th generation. In the absence of this document, the extracts of any other document issued by the government authorities of South Africa that specify the Place of Birth as "India, duly attested by Department of International Relations and Cooperation/Department of Home Affairs (DIRCO/DHA) of Republic of South Africa can also be produced.
- In exceptional circumstances, where the documents of Indian origin are not available with the South African records, notarized declarations affirming that the applicant is of Indian origin together with three local witnesses who are OCI card holders of South African nationality, affirming that the applicant is of Indian Origin, subject to fulfillment of other eligibility conditions and a certificate from a registered PIO community organization, recognized by the Mission/Post in South Africa should be submitted as documentary evidence for extending OCI card facility till 7th generation.
- All documents are to be apostilled before final submission. After submitting the application online, the applicant shall present all original documents and one set of photocopies of application and supporting documents to the Consular section at the High Commission or Consulates on working days from Monday to Friday (0930 to 1230 hrs) for verification. The applications will be accepted from December 01, 2025.
