



**High Commission of India
Pretoria**

PRESS RELEASE

Emergency Visa Services

1. Government of India has suspended all existing visas issued to nationals of all countries (other than those issued to Diplomats, Officials, UN staff, Employment and Project visas) till 15th April, 2020. Visa free travel facility granted to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders has also been kept in abeyance till 15 April 2020. Detailed information may be accessed at the website of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India at www.mohfw.gov.in

2. The online visa application process has been suspended. Emergency visas may be issued only if there are compelling reasons for travel. Foreign nationals (including OCI cardholders) seeking emergency visas for travel to India may apply using the manual visa form at [https://www.hcipretoria.gov.in/docs/1584439885Manual%20Visa%20Form COVID.pdf](https://www.hcipretoria.gov.in/docs/1584439885Manual%20Visa%20Form%20COVID.pdf). **A covering letter giving the compelling reasons and supporting documents** along with the filled up form may be sent to admin.pretoria@mea.gov.in or cons.pretoria@mea.gov.in. Applicants would be contacted thereafter. Queries in this regard may be addressed to Mr. Sunil Singh at Mobile: 083-2761305, email: admin.pretoria@mea.gov.in

Consular Services

3. In view of the prevailing situation and the advice of public health authorities, visits to the High Commission for miscellaneous consular services. (OCI, passport, miscellaneous services on passports, attestations, birth registrations etc) would be by appointment only. Those seeking these services may contact Mr. Sunil Singh at Mobile: 083-2761305, email: admin.pretoria@mea.gov.in

Indian Nationals

4. Indian nationals have been advised to avoid non-essential travel. They may be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days if they travel to India.

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