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**Mandatory biometric enrolment for OCI applicants/cardholders.**

*Capturing of biometrics of fingerprints & face (if technically feasible) in case of applicants for registration as OCI cardholders is mandatory. In case of applicants for registration as OCI cardholders submitted to Indian Missions abroad, the applicant will have the option of giving biometrics at the application stage (if technically feasible) OR at the Immigration Check Posts on arrival in India. Applicants are however, advised to give biometrics of fingerprints and face (if technically feasible) at the Indian Mission concerned at the application stage itself, i.e. at the document verification stage. If for any reason the applicant is not able to give the biometrics at the application stage (which shall be informed to the Indian Mission concerned in writing), his/her biometrics shall be captured at the Immigration Check Posts on arrival in India.*

*For existing OCI cardholders, biometrics shall be captured at the Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) during their entry/exit at the ICPs whenever they travel to/from India.*

***Biometrics captured would be valid for next five years*** from the date of enrolment and applicants would not be required to be enrolled again within 5 years, if they have already enrolled their biometrics.

*Applicants above 70 years of age or below 12 years of age would be exempted from biometric capturing.*

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