



Consulate General of India Edinburgh

Application form for the grant/renewal of **PIO card** for people of Indian origin
(To be filled in duplicate)

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Note: Please fill the form in **CAPITAL LETTERS** using **BLACK INK**. All dates should be in entered in DD/MM/YYYY format. **Please ensure that all sections are complete.**

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Ref. No.:
Referred MHA : Yes/No
Amt. Received: £
Dt. App.Recvd.:

PIO Card No.:

Date of Issue:

**Please affix
4 recent
Passport size
Photographs**

1. (a) **Name of the Applicant:**
 (b) **Surname at birth (if any):**
 (c) **Other Names** (where applicable):
 (d) **Date of Birth:**
 (e) **Place of birth:** Town - City- Country-.....
2. (a) **Father's name**, place of birth & nationality:
 (b) **Mother's Name**, place of birth & nationality:
 (c) **Spouse Name**, place of birth & nationality:
3. (a) **Present Address:** (b) **Permanent Address:**

 State
 Ph.# : Fax : Ph.# : Fax :
 (c) **Address in India** (verifiable): Ph.# : Fax :
 (d) **Profession / Occupation:**
5. **Business/Office Address:** Ph.# : Fax :
6. **Sex :** Male / Female 7. **Marital Status:** Married/ Unmarried/
8. **Nationality** (at the time of birth):
9. (a) **Present Nationality** (if different): (b) **Date on which acquired:**
10. **Passport Particulars of the applicant:**
 (a) **Passport number:** (b) **Date of issue:** (c) **Date of Expiry:**
 (d) **Country which issued the passport:** (e) **Place of issue:**
 (f) **Any visible Distinguishing Marks:**
11. **Do you hold Dual Nationality?** Yes / No If 'yes' please give details below:
 Passport No:
 Issuing Country: Date of issue:..... Date of expiry:
12. **Have you held any nationality other than present one?** Yes / No If 'yes' please give details below:
 Name of country : Date from: Date to:
13. **Have you or your parents or grand parents held Indian passport?** If 'yes' please give details below:

Name of the passport holder	Passport Number	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry	Place of Issue

(Please enclose photocopies of relevant documents)

14. 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.

15. Have you or your parents or grand parents were born and were permanently resident in territories falling in present day India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, as on 30/03/1999. If yes, please give the following details:

Name	Date of birth	Place of birth	Nationality held	Passport No.	Date of Issue

(Note: If you are the spouse of a citizen of India or a person who or either of whose parents, grand parents or great grand parents were born and were permanently resident in territories falling in the present day India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, his/her full particulars including date & place of birth, proof of residence, nationalities held and passport details (previous & present) may be given on a separate sheet which should be signed by you and dated).

16. Details of previous PIO Card (wherever applicable):

PIO Card No.: Date of issue: Date of expiry: Place of issue:

17. Name and complete addresses of two persons living in India known to the applicant:

Name of the Referee:	1.	2.
Complete postal Address		
Telephone No. (with dialling code)		

18. Payment details:

Mode (cash/Draft/Postal Order)..... Amount:

Draft/Postal Order Number: Date: Place:

Two specimen signatures of the applicant:

DECLARATION

I here by declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. *

Date :

.....
Signature of the applicant

1. Please enclose originals of all relevant documents and passports, substantiating your claim as a person of Indian origin.
2. Attach 4 recent passport-size photographs.

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

Notes: (i) Acceptance of application form does not confer any right on the applicant to the PIO card.

(ii) Expression 'INDIA' would include as given in sub-section (1) of the section 311 of the Government of India Act 1935 British India, together with all territories of any Indian ruler, the tribal areas, and any other territories which were part of India.

Important Instructions to the Applicants

Documents required:

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

1. **Existing (valid) passport in original**
2. **Expired Indian passport in original**
OR
Any 2 or more of the following documents:
 - Photocopy of expired Indian passport
 - Letter from British Home Office confirming Indian origin.
 - Indian passport or its photocopies of parents or grand parents of the applicant.
 - Birth certificate of the applicant and of the parents or grand parents of the applicant.
 - Nationality certificates of the applicant and of the parents or grand parents.
 - School or college leaving certificates of the applicant or parents of the applicant.
1. **Those applying as spouses of persons of Indian origin should submit original passport/PIO card of the spouse and original marriage certificate.**
2. **Four recent *passport size* photographs of the applicant.**
3. **A *self-addressed special delivery envelope* only if you require the PIO Card to be sent by post.**
4. **Fee of £215.00 (£110.00 for children below 18 years). This can be paid in cash or Bank draft / Postal Orders payable to the Consulate General of India, Edinburgh.**

Method of application:

Completed applications and relevant documents can be submitted in person at the Consulate General between **9.30 and 12.30 hrs** during any working day.

Alternatively the applications can be sent by post to The PIO Section, Consulate General of India, 17 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2BB. Postal applications should be sent only by Royal Mail special delivery. For return of documents postal applications should invariably be accompanied by a self-addressed Royal Mail special delivery envelope.

Processing Time:

Processing of the application normally takes 1 - 8 weeks from the date of receipt of the application. Certain cases may take more time.

Benefits of PIO card:

1. A PIO cardholder 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 6 months in India. When the stay exceeds 6 months, he/she shall have to register within 30 days with the local FRRO/FRO.
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.
 - d) They can open bank accounts in India, which will be at par with rupee accounts.
 - e) All future benefits that would be extended to NRIs would also be available to the PIO cardholders.