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Amendment to Person of Indian Origin Card (PIO Card) Scheme, 2002

Following up on Prime Minister's announcement in the New York on Monday, 29 September 2014 regarding amendment to the Person of Indian Origin (PIO Card) Scheme providing for life-long validity and exemption from registration, following changes have been notified vide Gazette notification No. 25024/2014-F.I. dated 30 September, 2014:

Para	PIO Card Scheme, 2002	PIO Card Amendment Scheme, 2014	Explanation
6	A PIO Card shall be valid for a period of fifteen years from the date of issue subject to the validity of the passport of the applicant.	A PIO Card issued to an applicant shall be valid for his life time from the date of its issue provided that such applicant has a valid passport.	For the purpose of this paragraph, it is hereby clarified that a PIO Card which has been issued prior to the date of publication of this notification shall be deemed to be valid for life time of its holder subject to the condition that such person has a valid passport.
9 (ii)	A PIO Card holder will be exempt from the requirement of registration if his stay on any single visit in India does not exceed 180 days	A PIO Card holder will be exempt from the requirement of registration.	
9 (iii)	In event of continuous stay in India of the PIO Card holder exceeding 180 days, he/she shall have to get himself/herself registered within 30 days of the expiry of 180 days with the concerned Foreigners Regional Registration Officer/ Foreigners Registration officer	Omitted; instead para 9 (iv) of PIO Card Scheme, 2002 renumbered as 9 (iii)	

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