



Global Immigration alert

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India

New requirement for Overseas Citizen of India card holders to apply for e-Arrival Card

Executive summary

All Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders entering the country are required to apply for an e-Arrival Card within 72 hours prior to arrival.

Key developments

Effective 1 October 2025, India [introduced](#) a new e-Arrival Card requirement for all foreign nationals entering the country, including those holding regular visas and e-visas. OCI card holders were initially exempt, but now only Indian passport holders remain exempt from this requirement.

The e-Arrival Card replaces the paper disembarkation form and is part of broader efforts to streamline immigration clearance and enhance the arrival experience. While the paper form remains available during a six-month transition period, the authorities encourage travelers to use the new online system to benefit from faster immigration processing.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees about the new requirement to manage employee expectations and mitigate potential business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to connect one of our immigration professionals.



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