



## COVID 19 impact on Indian Immigration

### Background

Government of India (GOI) has come out with a series of travel advisories and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) relating to visa on account of outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic<sup>1</sup>.

With the announcement of extension of Lockdown in India by the GOI<sup>2</sup>, the restrictions on travel and visa are applicable till 3 May 2020.

Latest restrictions and FAQs have been summarised below.

### Restrictions on foreign nationals

- Because of suspension of International transport / traffic for passengers, foreign nationals cannot travel from and to India till 3 May 2020.
- As per the latest press release<sup>3</sup>, all foreign nationals, who are stranded in India and whose visas have expired or would be expiring during the period from 1 February 2020 (Midnight) to 3 May 2020 (Midnight), would be extended till midnight of 3 May 2020 without any cost, after making online application.

Exit to such foreign nationals, if so requested by them during this period, will also be granted to them upto 14 days beyond 3 May 2020 i.e. 17 May 2020 without levy of overstay penalty.

- Existing visas issued to foreign nationals (except Employment and Project Visa) who have not yet entered India, stand suspended till 3 May 2020.
- Visa free travel facility for OCI card holders who are not in India presently, has been kept in abeyance till 3 May 2020.
- Diplomats, Official, UN /International Organization passports holders are allowed to enter India.

### Restrictions on Indian nationals

- Because of suspension of International transport / traffic for passengers, Indian nationals cannot travel from and to India till 3 May 2020.

### Other changes

- Any foreign national (including OCI cardholder) who intends to travel to India for compelling reasons may contact the nearest Indian Mission for fresh visa.

### Helpline

- For visa related concerns, GOI has shared helpline (24X7) which is +91-11-24300666 and email is [support.covid19-boi@gov.in](mailto:support.covid19-boi@gov.in)
- For any queries related to health, people may contact Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 24\*7 and helpline number is +91-11-23978046 or email at [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com).

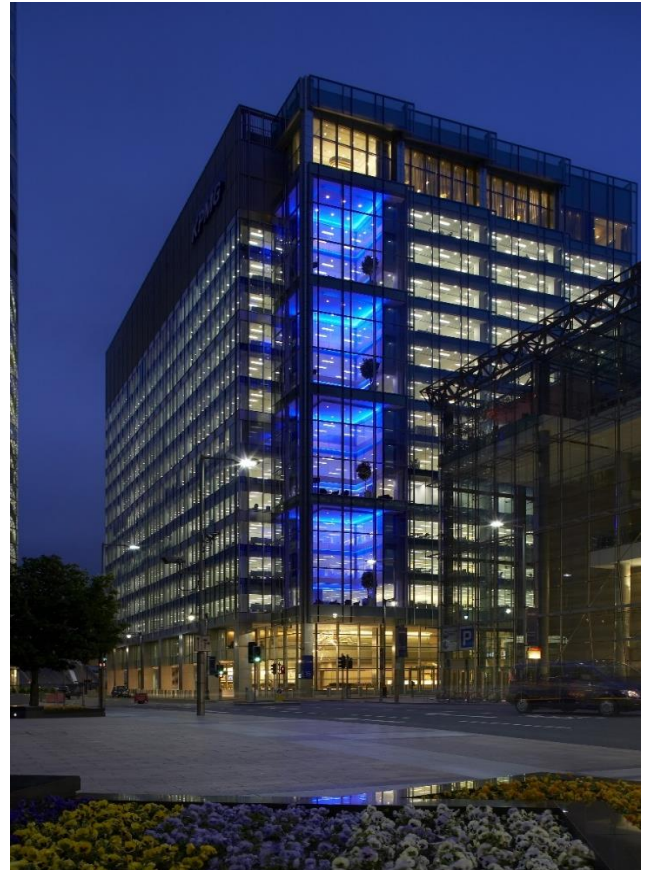
1. For details, please refer <https://boi.gov.in/>  
2. [https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA%20order%20dt%2015.04.2020%2C%20with%20Revised%20Consolidated%20Guidelines\\_compressed%20%283%29.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA%20order%20dt%2015.04.2020%2C%20with%20Revised%20Consolidated%20Guidelines_compressed%20%283%29.pdf)  
3. <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=202346>

## Our comments

To curb the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, GOI has taken remarkable steps. GOI has time-to-time recommended travelers to avoid non-essential travel.

GOI has made visa extension, conversion, etc. free of cost for the stranded foreign nationals which is a welcome move.

It is recommended that foreign as well as Indian national read the GOI advisories which are regularly issued before planning any travel.



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