

DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION/SURRENDER CERTIFICATE WHEN PASSPORT IS LOST

Persons of Indian origin who have lost their Indian passports ***cannot*** apply for their cancellation or for obtaining Surrender Certificates. When they apply for Indian visa/PIO/OCI cards, they need to submit adequate proofs of their Indian origins (Photocopy of lost Indian passports, Naturalization Certificate, birth certificate, school leaving certificate from India, land holdings in India-***details given separately under each service***).

Action required to be taken by applicants under various categories, who have lost their Indian passports and need to apply for Indian visa/PIO/OCI is given in the table below:

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Situation</i>	<i>Renunciation (Declaration & \$ 175/-)</i>	<i>Surrender certificate (Application & US\$ 20/- and last held Indian passport)</i>	<i>Penalty for misuse of Indian passport after acquisition of foreign nationality.</i>
(A)	PIO who acquired foreign nationality before 1.6.2010, and Indian passport is not surrendered, makes a claim that passport is not available but Photocopy of passport with particulars are furnished.	Not required.	Surrender certificate cannot be issued as Indian passport is not surrendered.	A sworn affidavit must be given to the effect that the holder had not retained the Indian passport for more than three years or not travelled on Indian Passport beyond grace period of three months, after acquisition of foreign nationality.
(B)	PIO who acquired foreign nationality before 1.6.2010 but Indian Passport has not been surrendered, even photocopy and passport particulars are NOT available, or never held an Indian passport.	Eligibility for visa, PIO, OCI will be determined after production of proof like Naturalization Certificate, Birth Certificate, land record, etc.	Surrender certificate cannot be issued as Indian passport is not surrendered.	A sworn affidavit must be given to the effect that the holder had not retained the Indian passport for more than three years or not travelled on Indian Passport beyond grace period of three months, after acquisition of foreign nationality or a sworn affidavit that he never held an Indian passport.

(C)	PIO who acquired foreign nationality from 1.6.2010, and Indian passport is not surrendered because passport is not available and photocopy, passport particulars are furnished.	Renunciation declaration will be authenticated with remark "original Indian passport not surrendered and claimed as lost / misplaced. Fees is \$ 175/-.	Surrender certificate cannot be issued.	A sworn affidavit should be taken to the effect that the holder had not retained the Indian passport for more than three years or not travelled beyond grace period of three months after acquisition of foreign nationality.
(D)	PIO who acquired foreign nationality since 1.6.2010 and Indian passport, photocopy/passport particulars are NOT available, or never held an Indian passport.	Claim to previous Indian nationality will be determined subject to production of Naturalization Certificate, birth certificate, etc.	Surrender certificate cannot be issued as Indian passport is not surrendered.	A sworn affidavit must be given to the effect that the holder had not travelled beyond grace period of three months after acquisition of foreign nationality; or a sworn affidavit that he never held an Indian passport.