CIRCULAR FOR MISSIONS / POSTS

Subject: Issue of No Obligation to Return to India (NORI) Certificate

As per the Immigration laws of United States of America, for all J-1 visa holders, 2 years of home (India) residency is mandatory. While applying for H1B visa, i.e., work visa, the J-1 visa holders are required to submit to US authorities a NORI Certificate waiving condition of the two-year stay back in India. Normally, the applicants who are staying in USA need a J1-waiver for which they need to apply for a NORI Certificate to the Indian Missions/Posts concerned in USA. Those who have returned to India may apply for this Certificate in the CPV Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. The applicants staying in a third country are required to apply at the Indian Mission/Post concerned.

2. Instructions for issue of NORI Certificates are mentioned in para 8 of Chapter 14 of the Passport Manual 2010.

3. Procedure for issuing NORI Certificate:

The following documents are to be submitted along with application (Miscellaneous Service) for issuing NORI Certificate:

(i) Ink signed copy of NOC from the Ministry of HRD (Department of Higher Education) or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in case of doctors & medical professionals [Instructions for issuance of clearances are issued by the concerned Ministries from time to time];

(ii) Ink signed copy of NOC from Regional Passport Office [where the applicant's passport was issued initially];

(iii) NOC from the Home Department of State/Union Territory in India where the applicant belongs to.

(iv) Original notarized affidavit containing full details of his/her visit to USA on student visa, especially, details of his/her Indian passport number, date and place of issue, period of stay in USA, his/her address in USA during his/her stay there and his/her present address in the place where currently staying.
(v) Copies of the Indian passports including the one in which the candidate travelled to US and US visa pages;
(vi) Copy of Third Part Bar Code page from the US State Department containing the applicant's Waiver Review Case File Number (this is required to be quoted in the NORI Certificate as well as details of passport, US address, etc.);

4. Applicants are expected to submit the above mentioned documents, in original, along with their application with prescribed fee for miscellaneous consular services. It is the responsibility of the applicant concerned to obtain all necessary clearances.

5. It is needless to mention that application for issue of NORI Certificate is to be submitted at the CPV Division of Ministry of External Affairs, should the applicant be in India at the time of application. For those who are applying from a third country where they are currently staying, the concerned Mission/Post should issue NORI Certificate by accepting all the above documents. Specimen copy of the letter is enclosed for reference.

6. Specimen copies of the bio-data and affidavit and Application for Miscellaneous Services are attached.

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**APPLICATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

**PART I**

1. Surname / Last Name: __________________________
2. Given Name/s: __________________________
3. Full Name of Father: __________________________ 4. Full Name of Mother: __________________________
5. Place & Country of Birth of Applicant: __________________________
6. Date of Birth of Applicant: (dd/mm/yyyy): ____________
7. Nationality of Applicant: __________________________
8. Permanent Address in India: __________________________
9. ADDRESS IN USA:
   Tel.: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: __________________
10. Profession & Business Address:
    Tel.: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: __________________
11. Current Passport No: __________________________ 12. Place & Date of Issue: __________________________
13. Date of Expiry: __________________________

**DECLARATION (TO BE SIGNED BY INDIAN CITIZENS ONLY)**

I solemnly affirm that:

- I owe allegiance to the sovereignty and integrity of India.
- Information given above is correct and nothing has been concealed and I am aware that it is an offence under the Passport Act 1967 to knowingly furnish false information or suppress material information.
- I have not lost, surrendered or been deprived of my Indian Citizenship.
- I have not voluntarily acquired citizenship of any other country and I have no other passport or travel document in my possession (This declaration has to be notarized by a Notary Public in case of an applicant whose passport expired more than six months before the date of the submission of this application.)

______________________________
Signature or Thumb Impression of applicant

Place: __________________________
Date: __________________________
FORM (BIO-DATA)

EIGHT NOTARIZED COPIES OF FORM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOR ATTESTATION.

Name: Mr./Mrs./Dr

Current Address

Telephone No. (Business) __________________________ (Home) __________________________

Email: __________________________ Social Security No. __________________________

Passport No. __________________________ Date of Issue __________________________

Place of Issue __________________________

Date of arrival in USA __________________________ International Airport of entry in USA __________________________

Educational Qualification | Title of Degree | University | Month/Year

1. BACHELORS
2. MASTERS
3. RESEARCH

Please indicate the general area & specialization in the case of Ph.D. (Research Degree)

Profession & Job title __________________________ Address of present employer in USA __________________________

Tel. No. __________________________

Name & Title of your Supervisor __________________________ Tel. No. __________________________

Name & Address of Next-of-kin in India __________________________

Tel. No. __________________________

List all the addresses of places of your residence since arrival in USA:

1) __________________________
2) __________________________
3) __________________________
4) __________________________

The University/Department/Hospital/Any other Organization of your Study/Training/Post

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Are you married? ______ If yes, give below name and address of your wife/husband and children.

Are you divorced or separated from your wife/husband? ______ If yes, Indicate below the present status of your wife/husband and who has the custody of the children.

Have you signed any agreement with a Government organization or a University or other Public Organization or Banks or any other institution from which you have enjoyed monetary benefits in the form of passage money, scholarship or otherwise and have specially or by implication, undertaken to return to India or refund the amount received? ______ If yes, give details below:

Have you been sponsored and provided with certain privileges, such as admission into Colleges, Universities or employment with the Government of India/Government of any State in India? ______ If yes, give details below:

Have you given any definite undertaking to return to India as a condition of the issuance of the passport or for the entitlement of some other privileges like scholarship, leave benefits, etc.? ______ If yes, give details below:

Is your presence required in India in connection with civil or criminal proceedings? ______ If yes, give details below:

Please indicate below the name of the scheme under which you proceeded abroad.

I undertake that:
1. The particulars furnished by me in the form are correct.
2. I have not suppressed any information, whatever.
3. The concerned authorities will be at liberty to take any action against me, including
revocation of NORI Certificate, deportation from USA and any other penalties if
information provided by me is found false or suppressed at any stage without limitation
of time. I shall abide by the decision of the authorities in this regard.

Signature of the applicant

Date:

Place:

Signature and Seal of Notary Public

Signature and Seal of the Indian consular Officer
AFFIDAVIT

Eight Notarized copies of Affidavit to be submitted to the
for attestation.

I, ________________________________ (Name)

(Last) ____________________________ (Middle) ____________________________ (First)

son/daughter/wife of ________________________________ born on ____________________________
at ________________________________ (day) (Month) (year)

presently residing at ________________________________ Tel. No.

holder of Indian Passport No. ________________________________ issued at ________________________________

on ________________________________ expiring on ________________________________

(US Social Security No. ________________________________)

solemnly affirm as follows:

1. I came to the United States of America under an exchange visitor visa for the period from ___________ to ___________

2. The exchange programme was sponsored by the Government of India / State Government of ___________ in India / Agency of the Government of ___________ and financed by the Government of ___________ / Agencies of the Government of ___________ / other.

3. I have not signed any agreement / contract with the Government of India or a State Government or a quasi Government organization or a University or any public organization in India or any banking or other organization in India by which I have enjoyed any monetary benefits in the form of passage money, stipend, scholarship, study leave or otherwise. I have undertaken to return to India after completion of my studies / training in USA.

OR

4. I took a scholarship / loan of Rs. ________________________________ from (name of the institution) ________________________________ under the national loan scholarship scheme during the year ___________ or any other scheme ________________________________ when I was a student at ________________________________.

5. I have fully repaid the amount due from me, or I have yet to repay the amount of Rs. ________________________________
6. I availed of a scholarship under programme of National Overseas Scholarship or any other scholarship (specify) ____________________________ under Ministry of ______________________ sanction order No. ____________________________ dated ______________________. The Government of India spent an amount of US $ ______________________ and Rs. ______________________ toward the above scholarship. I refunded the entire amount with interest as per the bond executed. A copy of the certificate of repayment issued by ______________________ vide letter No. ______________________ dated ______________________ is enclosed.

7. I have not taken any loan from any person or agency in India.

8. My presence is not required in India in connection with civil or criminal proceedings.

9. I am unmarried / married and have not deserted my spouse or children in India.

Signature of the applicant
Date:
Place:

Signature & Seal of the Notary Public

Signature & Seal of the Indian Consular Officer