



**Consulate General of India
Toronto**

PRESS RELEASE

Submission of Visa application by Person of Indian Origin

All Indian Passport holders, after obtaining foreign nationality, are compulsorily required by law to surrender their Indian Passports at the nearest Indian Mission/Post. Those Indian Origin Canadian/foreign nationals who are yet to surrender their Indian Passports are advised do so immediately and obtain a Surrender Certificate. The details of the process to Surrender the Indian Passport can be seen on the website <https://www.cgitoronto.gov.in>

2. In view of the difficulties being faced by aged Persons of Indian origin who arrived in Canada long ago and are unable to trace their old Indian Passports, the Consulate has decided to relax the requirement of providing Surrender Certificate/ old cancelled Indian Passport.

3. Person of Indian origin who acquired Canadian citizenship before 1st June 2010 and are unable to provide copy of Surrender Certificate / old Indian Passport may provide a duly notarized Affidavit with regard to unavailability of Surrender Certificate / old cancelled Indian Passport. The format of Affidavit can be seen on the Mission's website at the link below:

<https://www.cgitoronto.gov.in/docs/1663087092visa%20affidavit.pdf>

4. Persons of Indian Origin having the Surrender Certificate / old cancelled Indian Passport may continue to submit a copy of Surrender Certificate / old cancelled Indian Passport with their visa application.

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