

Foreign Nationals and OCI/PIO Candidates

A. Foreign Nationals

Candidates who are NOT citizens of India (by birth or naturalized) shall be considered as foreign nationals. Such candidates are not eligible for seat allocation in the JAC Chandigarh System.

B. OCI/PIO Candidates

In light of the recent judicial pronouncement concerning OCI/PIO candidates, the following provisions are made for such candidates.

OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 have the option of registration for JAC Chandigarh EITHER as (a) foreign nationals OR (b) at par with Indian nationals.

Accordingly, OCI/PIO candidates are divided into three categories as follows:

- (i) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards subsequent to 4.03.2021 are considered as foreign national candidates and are governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates. For ease of convenience, these candidates are referred to as OCI/PIO (F). The OCI/PIO (F) candidates are NOT eligible for seat allotment in JAC Chandigarh system.
- (ii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 AND choose to be considered as foreign nationals, are governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the foreign national candidates and are also referred to as **OCI/PIO (F)**. The OCI/PIO (F) candidates will NOT be eligible for seat allocation in JAC Chandigarh system.
- (iii) Those OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 **AND** choose to be treated at par with Indian nationals, are governed by the eligibility conditions contained herein for the Indian national candidates and are referred to as **OCI/PIO (I)**.

At the time of seat allocation, the OCI/PIO (I) candidates shall be considered for the seats in the OPEN and/or PwD category.

OCI/PIO (I) candidates are NOT entitled to the benefit of reservation under the GEN-EWS, BC, SC or ST categories for the allocation of seats.

OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO cards before 04.03.2021 are advised to choose their option (OCI/PIO (I) or OCI/PIO (F)) carefully. These candidates have to exercise their options while registering for JAC Chandigarh. OCI/PIO candidates will be asked to confirm their choice of OCI/PIO(I) or OCI/PIO(F) during registration.

The options once exercised by the candidate during registration cannot be changed after registration and shall remain the same for all rounds of JAC Chandigarh and thereafter for further seat allocation processes.

The state code of eligibility of OCI/PIO (I) candidates passing Class XII (or equivalent) examination in India is at par with Indian nationals. However, OCI/PIO (I) candidates passing the

Class XII (or equivalent) examination from an institution abroad are eligible for Other State quota seats or All India quota seats (but NOT for Home State quota seats).

- The candidate has to upload and produce proof of a valid OCI/PIO card at the time of document verification/online reporting.