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(CPV Division)  
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**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:

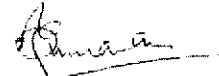
- (i) Ink signed copy of NOC from the Ministry of HRD (Department of Higher Education) or Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in case of doctors & medical professionals [Instructions for issuance of clearances are issued by the concerned Ministries from time to time];
- (ii) Ink signed copy of NOC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

From the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Applied For: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I**  
**(COMPLETE IN BLOCK LETTERS)**

- 1. Surname / Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Given Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Full Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Full Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Place & Country of Birth of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Date of Birth of Applicant: (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Nationality of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



4)

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, whatsoever.
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