

## **Travel Advisory**

### **Instructions/conditions for seeking Emergency Visa**

- (i) All types of visas/e-visa issued to foreign nationals of any country stand suspended with effect from 1200 hrs. GMT on 13th March 2020 till 15th April 2020. Exceptions to this include diplomats, officials, UN/International Organizations, employment and project visas.
- (ii) Travel on OCI Card also stands suspended from 1200 hrs. GMT on 13th March 2020 till 15th April 2020.
- (iii) Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reasons (serious medical emergencies, unavoidable business meetings, death/serious injury of a family member in India, important sporting events, like Olympics, etc.) may download the visa application form from [www.cgiedinburgh.gov.in](http://www.cgiedinburgh.gov.in) and approach the Consulate General of India, Edinburgh. Necessary supporting documents, such as a certificate from a doctor or hospital, will have to be submitted along with the application.
- (iv) It may be noted that visa processing will take minimum 2-3 days. No prior appointment needed in such cases. VFS centres will not accept any visa applications till further notice.
- (v) If the reason of travel does not fall in the cases mentioned above, a reference may be made to the Consulate General of India, Edinburgh by email on [visa.edinburgh@mea.gov.in](mailto:visa.edinburgh@mea.gov.in) to check if visa application will be accepted for further processing. Such visa seekers are advised to reach the Consulate only after getting a positive response on their email.
- (vi) OCI Card holders who need to travel to India under compelling circumstances will have to follow the same procedures as mentioned at (iii), (iv) and (v) above.