

## **NO OBLIGATION TO RETURN TO INDIA (NORI)**

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NO Obligation to Return to India (NORI) Certificate is required by an Indian who has gone to United States of America on J-1 VISA. As per the Immigration laws of the United States of America, for all J-1 visa holders, 2 years of home (India) residency is mandatory. While applying for a H1B visa, J-1 visa holders are required to submit to the US authorities a NORI Certificate waiving the condition of the two-year stay back in India after the end of VISA period. A considerable number of Indian researchers/scholars in USA who require such a J-1-waiver 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 at 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.

### **There are three types of NOC that are required for NORI certificate in USA:**

- (i) NOC from Ministry of HRD (Higher Education) or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Medical Professionals) **(Online)**
- (ii) NOC from Passport Issuing authority RPO or CPV Divn., Ministry of External Affairs) **(Online)**
- (iii) **Home Department of the concerned State/UT where the applicant belongs to.**

**As per delegated power of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the Foreigners Branch of Home & Hill Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal issues the NORI (No Obligation to Return to India) Certificate to those whose permanent resident is in West Bengal.**

For this purpose, the applicant has to apply in proper format through the concerned Embassy of India/ Consulate General of India in USA.

On receiving the application, endorsed by the concerned Embassy of India/ Consulate General of India in USA, the Foreigners Branch will forward the case to the jurisdictional Superintendent of Police, District Intelligence Branch, or Special Branch, Police Commissionerates, in this State for enquiry and verification of the local address as referred by the applicant. If satisfactory report is received from the concerned SP, DIB, the ‘NORI’ certificate is issued in favour of the applicant, from **Home & Hill Affairs Department, Foreigners Branch, Government of West Bengal, Writers Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.**

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## **NO OBJECTION TO RETURN TO INDIA (NORI)**

Grant of NORI (No Objection to Return to India) to Tibetan Refugees/Tibetans intending to visit abroad.

Tibetan Refugees/Tibetans intending to visit abroad for a short duration up to 15 days shall travel only on the strength of the Identity Certificate (IC) issued by the Ministry of External Affairs/ Regional Passport Officer and would be required to obtain 'No Objection to Return to India (NORI)' permission from the FRRO/State Government. If intended visit abroad requires absence from India for a period more than 15 days, such Tibetan Refugees/Tibetans would be required to take exit permission from the concerned FRROs/FROs and report arrival to them on coming back to India.

NORI in case of less than two weeks or Exit permission in case of more than two weeks would be granted by the concerned FRRO/State Government on the recommendation of CTA (Central Tibetan Association) or any other authority so designated by the Central Government subject to nothing adverse and no local objection of the concerned FRRO/State Government.

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