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CHANGES TO ACCEPTABLE INDIAN POLICE CERTIFICATES

This item provides advice on changes to the Indian Police Clearance (PC) required for Indian nationals living in India.

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) currently accepts Indian Police Clearance Certificates from either the Regional Passport Office of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, or the Office of Deputy Commissioner or Superintendent of Police at the station for the area where they reside.

The Police Clearance Certificates issued by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner or Superintendent of Police lack consistent formatting and are more difficult to authenticate.

For all visa applications submitted from 1 September 2025, INZ will only accept Police Clearance Certificates issued by a Regional Passport Office of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs. These can be applied for online and it is not expected to create added challenges for our customers.

Requirements for Indian nationals outside India, and for non-Indian nationals who currently live, or have previously lived in India, have not changed.

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