

You are considered an International Student, If you fall into any of the below **CATEGORY** 

### Foreign Students (FR / FS)

Foreign Student (FR/FS) means student holding passport issued by foreign countries including people of Indian origin who have acquired the nationality of foreign countries.

## Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)

Person of Indian Origin (PIO) means the person who is the citizen of other countries (except Pakistan and Bangladesh) who at any time held an Indian Passport, or who or either of his/her parent or any of his/her grandparent was a citizen of India by virtue of provisions of the Constitution of India or Section 2 (B) of Citizenship Act, 1955 (Act No. 57 of 1955).

A foreign national, who was eligible to become citizen of India on 26.01.1950 or was a citizen of India on or at any time after 26.01.1950 or belonged to a territory that became part of India after 15.08.1947 is eligible for registration as Overseas Citizen of India (OCI). Minor children of such person are also eligible for OCI.

# **NRI from Gulf Countries**

(UAE / Bahrain / Qatar / Kuwait / Oman / Saudi Arabia)

- A. Indian Passport holder, living in Gulf Countries for more than 6 Months (182 Days) in the preceding Financial Year.
- B. Children whose Parents are / were in the previous year, working in Gulf Countries.
- C. Irrespective of Board, student has appeared his 10<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams from any of the Gulf Countries.

#### **SAARC Nationals**

SAARC citizen means a student holding passport/nationality of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Nepal) including people of Indian origin who have acquired the nationality of SAARC countries.

#### **OTHERS**

- A. If you have been outside India for 182 days or more in the preceding financial year.
- B. You are an Indian resident but have completed higher secondary school education (10th or 12th or graduation) from outside India.