



DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES (DIAP) CIRCULAR NO 09 OF 2025

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to refer to **Section 30(1)(h) read with 50(1) of the Immigration Act, no 13 of 2002 as amended (no. 13 of 2011)**.

The Department wishes to remind Foreign Missions to adhere to the conditions set out in their Temporary Residence Visas (TRV) regularising their stay in the Republic of South Africa.

It has come to the attention of DIRCO that a number of Diplomats do not abide by the duration stated on their TRVs regularising their stay in the Republic leading to Immigration Officers at the Port of Entry issuing them with an undesirable certificate due to Overstay. Foreign Missions are informed that the process of uplifting the status is lengthy and is processed by the Department of Home Affairs.

It is incumbent upon the diplomatic passport holders to ensure that they always have a valid TRV.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of the opportunity to renew to Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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