



DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES (DIAP) CIRCULAR NO 16 OF 2026

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 inform Foreign Missions about the implementation of revised temporary access procedures to the DIRCO premises at OR Tambo Building, 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale.

The Department wishes to inform Foreign Mission that with immediate effect all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations' staff visiting DIRCO will no longer be required to report to the visitor's centre for registration. Upon arrival at the Main Gate, all Foreign Missions vehicles with diplomatic number plates should use the far-left lane for security processing at the boom. The vehicles should thereafter be parked at the designated Diplomatic Parking in Basement 1. No vehicles may be parked in the Handicapped Parking unless an occupant qualifies for this parking. The speed limit on the DIRCO premises must also be adhered to.

In cases where the driver is visiting DIRCO and not in the company of a Diplomat carrying a DIRCO issued diplomatic Identity Card, positive identification from the Foreign Mission would be required before entry into DIRCO premises. Drivers of diplomatic vehicles with ordinary GP number plates will still have to go via the visitor's centre.

Foreign Missions are further reminded that the VIP Entrance at Tom Jenkins Street may only be used by Heads of Missions for meetings with the Executive or when accompanying a visiting Minister or Head of State. For all other meetings, the main DIRCO entrance should be used.

DIRCO remains a weapon free zone. Heads of Missions and other diplomats who are accompanied by protectors should note that weapons will not be allowed in the building.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation 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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