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**Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office** presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations and has the honour to refer to

diplomatic driving permits.

Protocol Directorate wishes to advise missions that diplomatic agents and A&T staff members

(Category B-C), who wish to drive in the UK, may apply to DVLA Wimbledon for a diplomatic driving

permit. DVLA require a completed form D442/2 (available on the Protocol website) and the national

driving licence. This regulation also applies to consular officers and consular employees.

The Directorate wishes to remind missions and international organisations that Category D drivers

are not eligible to apply for a diplomatic driving permit but must, within one year of arrival in the UK,

apply for a UK driving licence.

All diplomats are reminded they must be covered by a motor insurance policy when driving in the

UK. Failure to have motor insurance cover is considered a serious offence by the Foreign and

Commonwealth Office.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to

express to all diplomatic missions and international organisations the assurances of its highest

consideration.

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