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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 bring the following to their attention:

### **Visa transfer requests**

The Directorate is unable to transfer diplomatic exempt visas from an expired or full passport to a new passport unless the visa has three months validity left or less. The Directorate therefore advises staff to travel in and out of the United Kingdom with their old and new passport so they can present their valid diplomatic exempt visa in their old passport to the Immigration Officer.

Furthermore, the Directorate wishes to advise that diplomatic exempt visas are only valid whilst a member of staff is an accredited diplomat in the United Kingdom. Once a diplomat's posting in the United Kingdom has ended their visa is no longer valid and if they wish to re-enter the country for any purpose they must apply for the appropriate entry clearance overseas.

Protocol Directorate requests this Note is brought to the attention of all staff.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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