

Chief Executive's Directive

CED 17/19 – Diplomatic and Consular Access

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Accredited Diplomats at UK Consulates or Embassies must apply to have an Airport ID if they require unescorted access to certain parts of the airport. A Diplomatic Airport ID Card is purple and **can only be used when the holder is on official embassy/consular duties**.

Listed below are some changes to the process:

1. The Diplomatic ID Card holder (purple) does **NOT** need to be escorted when:
 - in the departure lounge
 - arrivals areas
 - immigration
 - baggage reclaim hall
2. If the Diplomatic ID Card holder (purple) requires access to an:
 - aircraft
 - hold baggage
 - ramp
 - parking standsthey **MUST** be accompanied by someone from either the Airline, a Handling Agent or Airport Representatives who holds the correct pass for the area being visited. This is best arranged in advance.
3. If the ID Card holder is escorting a diplomatic/official passenger, they must enter via the e-gates or Fastrack (if that service has been paid for)

Sample pass:



In line with security regulations, there is a designated meeting point for the Diplomatic ID Card holder to meet their escort if proceeding beyond the gate – at Edinburgh Airport, this is the allocated gate for that aircraft. This is best checked in advance with the escort.

Exemptions from Search

Only on very rare occasions will some Diplomats and Consular Officials be exempt from security controls. If you want further information on exemptions, please contact the Security Compliance Team on securitycompliance@edinburghairport.com or the Airport Operations Manager EDI_AOM@edinburghairport.com if out of office hours.

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