



Airport permits

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia plays an essential role in facilitating the movement of diplomats, government officials, and representatives from both regional and international organizations within the country and by offering critical services, it ensures that these individuals can carry out their official duties without delays or obstacles.

One of the key services offered is the issuance of Airport Permits, which are designed to streamline the airport experience for diplomatic staff, consular employees, and international organization representatives, ensuring they have quick and efficient access to Somalia's airport facilities and this service plays a vital role in supporting smooth diplomatic operations while fostering efficient international cooperation.

Key Services Related to Airport Permits:

1. Issuance of VIP Salon Permits

The Ministry issues VIP Salon Permits to government officials and visiting diplomatic guests. This service is vital for ensuring that senior officials, dignitaries, and representatives from embassies and international organizations enjoy a smooth and secure experience at Somalia's airports. The VIP Salon provides an exclusive and private waiting area, equipped with the necessary amenities to make the airport experience more comfortable and efficient.

2. Airport Entry Permits for Diplomatic Personnel

Diplomatic and consular staff, along with employees of regional and international organizations, are eligible to apply for special airport entry permits. These permits allow diplomats and their staff to access airport facilities more quickly, bypassing regular security and immigration checks, ensuring their official duties can be carried out without delay.

3. Coordination with Diplomatic Missions and Organizations

The Ministry actively works with foreign embassies, consulates, and various international and regional organizations to ensure that airport permits are processed smoothly. All applications are handled with careful attention to the status and specific needs of the individuals involved, ensuring that the diplomatic norms are respected and that Somalia's international relationships remain strong and efficient.

4. Security and Protocol Arrangements

The Ministry coordinates with national security services and airport authorities to ensure that airport permits are issued in accordance with Somalia's security protocols. Diplomatic

personnel, international representatives, and government officials are provided with the highest level of protection and privacy while transiting through the country's airports.

5. Support for Diplomatic Visits and International Conferences

The Ministry provides logistical support for diplomatic visits, international conferences, and special meetings held in Somalia. Through the issuance of airport permits, it helps facilitate the arrival and departure of key personnel attending these events, ensuring that all official processes are completed smoothly and without hindrance.

6. Emergency Diplomatic Access

In cases of urgent diplomatic missions or humanitarian aid, the Ministry ensures that airport permits are fast-tracked for foreign diplomats and international organization representatives. This service is particularly important in situations requiring rapid responses, such as peacekeeping operations or emergency humanitarian missions.

How to Apply:

- **Eligibility:** The service is available to foreign diplomats, consular staff, officials of international and regional organizations, and their authorized representatives.
- **Required Documents:** Applicants must submit their requests through their respective diplomatic mission or international organization, providing necessary documentation such as an official invitation, diplomatic identification, or a government-issued request.
- **Processing Time:** The Ministry processes requests for airport permits efficiently, typically within a few working days, ensuring that the movement of diplomats and international personnel remains uninterrupted.