

AIRPORT PASSES FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

1. *Article 27.7 of the Vienna Convention provides that, “a mission may send one of its members to take possession of the diplomatic bag”.*
2. *In order to ensure that no member of a Diplomatic Mission deputed to collect or dispatch a diplomatic bag or meet or see off a diplomatic courier/family member of a diplomatic staff encounter any difficulty, each Resident Diplomatic Mission is issued with two transferable passes to be used at the Seychelles International Airport.*
3. *These passes remain the property of the Seychelles Government and their loss must be reported immediately to the issuing Authority, the Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority (SCAA).*
4. *A pass may only be used by a person whose name has been previously notified by his Mission to the Protocol Section for the information of the SCAA and the Airport Security Police.*
5. *The Protocol Section shall periodically advise the local authorities concerned of any changes to the list.*
6. *The passes are to be used solely for the purposes described above.*
7. *The bearer may have access to the Apron only through Gate 2 entrance as the pass does not entitle him/her to proceed to any other part of the airport. When accompanying a departing diplomatic courier, he/she may proceed to the aircraft through the Departure Lounge.*
8. *The bearer must wear the pass in such a manner as to be clearly visible.*
9. *The bearer must comply with directions given to him/her by the Airport Police.*