

CIRCULAR NOTE

**Handling of Driving Licenses for Persons with a Residence Permit
from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Protocol Department, presents its compliments to all Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Consulates accredited to and resident in Denmark, Heads of International Organisations and other Missions resident in Copenhagen, and has the honour to refer to circular note 2015-9124 of 22 May 2017 and convey again the following regarding Danish Authorities' handling of diplomats' and posted staffs' driving licenses.

The question of use of non-Danish driving licenses is regulated by the Executive Order on Driving Licenses (*Bekendtgørelse nummer 1151 af 26. September 2025 om Kørekort*).

Pursuant to Section 18 of the Danish Civil Registration Act (CPR-loven) persons with a Residence Permit or EU residence document issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in accordance with the Aliens Act article 47 (Udlændingelovens §47) are not registered in the Civil Registration System (CPR) as having moved to Denmark. For driving licence purposes, they are not considered having "normal residence in Denmark" and do as a general rule thus not fulfil the requirements to exchange their driving licence into a Danish driving licence. Instead, they may drive a motor vehicle in Denmark provided they are in possession of one of the following valid driving licenses:

- A driving license issued in an EU/EEA country.
- A Faroese driving license or a digital Faroese driving license
- A Greenlandic driving license
- An interim driving license issued by Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.
- Other non-Danish driving licenses than the above mentioned, if the driving license is drawn up in Latin letters or if it is supplemented with a translation into Danish, English or French, provided the translation is drawn up by a public authority or an organisation which is authorized to do so in the issuing country or if it is translated by an authorized translator or similar in Denmark.
- An international driving license issued in accordance with the International Conventions of 24 April 1926 on Motor Traffic, 19 September 1949 on Road Traffic or 8 November 1968 on Road Traffic.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Protocol Department, takes this opportunity to renew to all Heads of Diplomatic Missions and Consulates accredited to and resident in Denmark, Heads of International Organisations and other Missions resident in Copenhagen the assurances of its highest consideration.

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