



**ROYAL NORWEGIAN  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Heads of Mission resident in Oslo and has the honour of informing the latter about the following:

Due to the present situation, and in order to prevent the further spread of the Corona Virus, the Norwegian Government as well as a number of Norwegian municipalities have taken a series of new measures that will affect public life and activities that involve many participants. The list of measures is constantly updated.

We encourage all missions, their staff and families to follow the guidelines, in particular those issued from Norwegian health authorities at <https://www.fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

The employees of the Norwegian public service have today been instructed to take a number of special measures to prevent the spread of the virus, and ensure that vital government functions are maintained at all times. These measures will have bearings on the MFA's ability to receive visitors, participate in events etc.

The capacity of the Section for Diplomatic Relations to handle protocol services for the Missions will be reduced for the time being.

Requests and applications regarding matters such as acceptance of new personnel, issuance and renewal of identity cards and Residence Cards Foreign Missions, applications for duty free import, VAT refunds, registration of diplomatic vehicles and so forth, should still be forwarded to the Ministry as usual.

However, Missions should expect that our handling of such matters may take longer than normal. Missions are therefore encouraged to plan ahead and to forward such requests and applications well in advance.

Heads of Missions  
resident in Oslo

Where appropriate, electronic communication is encouraged.

The Ministry appreciates the Missions' understanding and would like to apologize for any inconvenience.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Missions the assurances of its highest consideration. 

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