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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and takes this opportunity to announce the implementation of a disability parking placard program by the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM).

Beginning immediately, OFM will issue disability parking placards for individuals with temporary disabilities, as well as for individuals with long-term or permanent disabilities, at the recommendation of a certified physician. The disability parking placard allows the holder to park in spaces designated for persons with disabilities. Additionally, the placard is transferable between vehicles. Thus, mission members and their eligible family members will not need to own a vehicle in order to receive a placard. OFM will issue placards only up to the date specified by the individual's physician in the case of a temporary disability placard or up to one year in the case of a long-term/permanent disability placard.

To apply for a disability placard, mission members must submit a diplomatic note accompanied by a signed statement by a licensed physician or practitioner (nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, podiatrist, or chiropractor) certifying

(1) that a disability parking placard is warranted and (2) the length of time the placard is needed.

Questions in this regard may be directed to OFM at [OFMDMVInfo@state.gov](mailto:OFMDMVInfo@state.gov).

Department of State,

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