Airside Transit (where available): Airside transit passengers are those who do not need to change airports and do not need to pass through the UK border. Passengers cannot transit AIRSIDE to the Republic of Ireland or anywhere within the common travel area.

Transit without visa (TWOV): All visa nationals seeking to transit the United Kingdom AIRSIDE without a visa must:
- (i) arrive and depart by air; and
- (ii) have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport; and
- (iii) hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required).

Landside Transit:

Landside transit passengers are those who need or wish to pass through the UK border and enter the UK (e.g. to change airport, to collect baggage or arrive at airports where no airside transfer is possible).

The decision to allow a passenger to transit without a visa (TWOV) under the scheme is decided by an immigration officer at the UK border.

1. Holders of diplomatic and special passports do not require a visa for official visits, tourist visits or transit.
2. Holders of diplomatic passports do not require a visa to transit the UK if they are accompanying official holders who may transit without a visa. Holders of a public affairs passport may transit without a visa. Service and public affairs passport holders do not require a visa if they are travelling with a serving Chinese government minister or ministerial official visit to the UK.
3. Passports not recognised by HM Government – the UK Government does not issue an official visa for these.
4. Holders of diplomatic or official passports to the following countries may transit the UK without a visa provided they are issued on a uniform format (UFF).
5. Holders of diplomatic and special passports do not require a visa for official visits, tourist visits or transit. Holders of ordinary passports of these countries do not require a visa if they hold a valid electronic visa waiver (EVW) document.
6. Passports that include a personal ID number on the biodata page are exempt from the visa requirement.
7. Holders of diplomatic passports do not require a visa for official visits, tourist visits or transit.
8. Holders may not use a B1/B2 USA visa to transit the UK.