### UK Visa Requirements

**All nationalities of the countries and territories listed below in red (undifferentiated) need to vis in order to transit the UK.**

**All nationalities may transit the UK without a visa (TWOV) in certain circumstances. Please see below for details.**

- **Afghanistan**
- **Albania**
- **Algeria**
- **Angola**
- **Armenia**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Bahrain**
- **Bangladesh**
- **Barbados**
- **Benin**
- **Bhutan**
- **Bolivia**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Botswana**
- **Bulgaria**
- **Burkina Faso**
- **Burundi**
- **Cambodia**
- **Cameroon**
- **Canada**
- **Central African Republic**
- **Chad**
- **China (People’s Republic of)**
- **Colombia**
- **Comoros**
- **Congo Dem. Republic**
- **Cuba**
- **Congo northern part of**
- **Croatia**
- **Czech Republic**
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo**
- **Dominican Republic**
- **Ecuador**
- **Egypt**
- **El Salvador**
- **Equatorial Guinea**
- **Eritrea**
- **Estonia**
- **Ethiopia**
- **Eswatini (Swaziland)**
- **Fiji**
- **Gabon**
- **Gambia**
- **Georgia**
- **Germany**
- **Ghana**
- **Guinea**
- **Guinea-Bissau**
- **Guyana**
- **Haiti**
- **Honduras**
- **Hungary**
- **Ireland**
- **Israel**
- **Italy**
- **Jamaica**
- **Japan**
- **Jordan**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Kenya**
- **Korea Dem. People’s Republic**
- **Korea South**
- **Kuwait**
- **Kyrgyzstan**
- **Laos**
- **Lebanon**
- **Lesotho**
- **Liberia**
- **Libya**
- **Madagascar**
- **Malawi**
- **Mali**
- **Mauritania**
- **Moldova**
- **Monaco**
- **Montenegro**
- **Morocco**
- **Mozambique**
- **Myanmar (Burma)**
- **Namibia**
- **Nepal**
- **Netherlands**
- **New Zealand**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Nigeria**
- **North Macedonia**
- **Norway**
- **Oman**
- **Pakistan**
- **Panama**
- **Peru**
- **Philippines**
- **Poland**
- **Portugal**
- **Qatar**
- **Romania**
- **Russia**
- **Saudi Arabia**
- **Senegal**
- **Serbia**
- **Sierra Leone**
- **Somalia**
- **South Africa**
- **South Sudan**
- **Spain**
- **Sweden**
- **Switzerland**
- **Syria**
- **Tajikistan**
- **Tanzania**
- **Thailand**
- **Togo**
- **Trinidad and Tobago**
- **Tunisia**
- **Turkey**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Uganda**
- **Ukraine**
- **United Arab Emirates**
- **United Kingdom**
- **Uruguay**
- **Uzbekistan**
- **Venezuela**
- **Vietnam**
- **Virgin Islands British**
- **Virgin Islands US**
- **Yemen**
- **Zambia**
- **Zimbabwe**

#### Airside Transits (where applicable):

Airside transits 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) and (iv) arrive and depart by air;
- (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)

**Nationalities of the countries shown in RED (undifferentiated) above need a visa to transit AIRSIDE unless they hold one of the following:**

- (a) a valid visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA (whether or not the holder is travelling to or from these countries); or
- (b) a visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey from/to the country in respect of which the visa is held and it is less than 6 months since the holder last entered that country with a valid entry visa;
- (c) a valid permanent residence permit issued by:
  - (i) Australia
  - (ii) Canada, issued after 28 June 2002
  - (iii) New Zealand
  - (iv) USA issued after 21 April 1998; or a valid US immigrant visa issued with a US arrival stamp (a wet/ink/ADIT stamp version will NOT be accepted by UK border control); or an expired I-551 Permanent Residence card provided it is accompanied by a valid I-777 letter authorising extension; or a standalone US Immigration Form 155A/155B (attached to a sealed brown envelope); or
  - (v) a valid common format residence permit issued by an EEA state or Switzerland; or
  - (vi) a valid common format category D visa for entry to an EEA state or Switzerland; or
  - (vii) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC BIVS (in order to transit to a country in respect of which the visa is held and it is less than 6 months since the holder last entered that country with a valid entry visa); or
  - (viii) a valid Schengen Approved Destination Scheme (ADS) group visa tourism where the holder is travelling TO the country that issued it; or
  - (ix) a valid airside ticket FROM the Schengen area; provided the holder can demonstrate they entered there no more than 30 days previously on the basis of a valid Schengen ADS visa.

**NB:** E-visas or e-residence permits are not acceptable unless the airline is able to verify it with the issuing country.

**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.**

#### Landside Transits

Landside transits 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)

**All visa nationals seeking to transit the United Kingdom LANDSIDE without a visa must:**

- (i) and (iv) arrive and depart by air;
- (ii) have a confirmed onward flight departing before 23:59hrs the following day; and
- (iii) hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

**Nationalities of ALL COUNTRIES (RED [undifferentiated] and BLACK above) need a visa to transit LANDSIDE unless they hold one of the following:**

- (a) a valid visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA and a valid airline ticket via the UK as part of a reasonable journey TO that country; or
- (b) a valid visa for entry to the UK as part of a reasonable journey FROM that country; or
- (c) a visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA and a valid visa for entry to an EEA state or Switzerland; or
- (d) a valid common format category D visa for entry to an EEA state or Switzerland; or
- (e) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC BIVS and travelling TO the Republic of Ireland; or
- (f) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC BIVS and travelling TO the Republic of Ireland; or
- (g) an Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC BIVS and travelling FROM the Republic of Ireland provided it is less than 3 months since the holder last entered there.

**NB:** E-visas or e-residence permits are NOT acceptable for landside transit.

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