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# Immigration Rules Appendix 1

Visa requirements for the United Kingdom

This is a consolidated version of the current Immigration Rules

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1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the following persons need a visa for the United Kingdom:

(a) Nationals or citizens of the following countries or territorial entities:

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Angola
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(w) of this Appendix)
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Burkina Faso
- Burma
- Burundi
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- People's Republic of China (except those referred to in sub-paragraphs 2(d) and (e) of this Appendix)
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Cuba
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti

- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Korea (North)
- Kuwait (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(r) of this Appendix)
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Lesotho

- Liberia
- Libya
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Moldova
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman (except those referred to in sub-paragraphs 2(j) and (u) of this Appendix)
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(k) and (u) of this Appendix)
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome e Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka

- Sudan
- Surinam
- Swaziland
- Syria
- Taiwan (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(h) of this Appendix)
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Turkey (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(q) of this Appendix)
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates (except those referred to in sub-paragraph 2(l) and (u) of this Appendix)
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- The territories formerly comprising the socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

(b) Persons who hold passports or travel documents issued by the former Soviet Union or by the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

(c) Stateless persons.

(d) Persons travelling on any document other than a national passport, regardless of whether the document is issued by, or evidences nationality of, a state not listed in paragraph (a), except where that document has been issued by the UK.

2. The following persons do not need a visa for the United Kingdom:

- (a) those who qualify for admission to the United Kingdom as returning residents in accordance with paragraph 18;
- (b) those who seek leave to enter the United Kingdom within the period of their earlier leave and for the same purpose as that for which that leave was granted, unless it
- (i) was for a period of six months or less; or
  - (ii) was extended by statutory instrument or by section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971 (inserted by section 3 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999);
- (c) DELETED
- (d) those nationals or citizens of the People's Republic of China holding passports issued by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
- (e) those nationals or citizens of the People's Republic of China holding passports issued by Macao Special Administrative Region;
- (f) those who arrive in the United Kingdom with leave to enter which is in force but which was given before arrival, so long as those in question arrive within the period of their earlier leave and for the same purpose as that for which leave was granted, unless that leave -
- (i) was for a period of six months or less, or
  - (ii) was extended by statutory instrument or by section 3C of the Immigration Act 1971 (inserted by section 3 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999);
- (g) DELETED
- (h) those nationals or citizens of Taiwan who hold a passport by Taiwan that includes the number of the identification card issued by the competent authority in Taiwan in it.
- (i) DELETED
- (j) those nationals or citizens of Oman, who hold diplomatic and special passports issued by oman when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41,
- (k) those nationals or citizens of Qatar who hold diplomatic and special passports issued by Qatar when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41,
- (l) those nationals or citizens of the United arab emirates who hold diplomatic and special passports issued by the United arab emirates when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41.
- (m) DELETED.
- (n) DELETED.
- (o) DELETED.

(p) DELETED.

(q) those nationals or citizens of Turkey, who hold diplomatic passports issued by Turkey when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41.

(r) those nationals of Kuwait who hold diplomatic and special passports issued by Kuwait when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41.

(s) for the period beginning with 4 March 2014 and ending with 3 August 2014, nationals or citizens of the countries or territorial entities listed in paragraph 1 who hold a XX (20th) Commonwealth Games Identity and Accreditation Card issued by the Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2014 Ltd) save for those who are accredited under (and whose card indicates accreditation under) category code WKF or S,

(t) for the period beginning with 4 August 2014 and ending with 3 September 2014 nationals or citizens of the countries or territorial entities listed in paragraph 1 who hold a Commonwealth Games Identity and Accreditation Card issued by Glasgow 2014 Ltd unless

(i) the holder is accredited under (and the card indicates accreditation under) category code WKF or S; or

(ii) the holder had not had leave to enter, leave to remain or entry clearance under paragraph 56ZC or 56ZF at any time during the period beginning with 4 March 2014 and ending with 3 August 2014

(u) those passport holders of Oman, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates who hold and use an Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW) Document in accordance with paragraphs 3 to 9. Where the passport holder does not hold and use an EVW Document in accordance with paragraphs 3 to 9, the passport holder is a visa national and requires entry clearance.

(v) persons who hold Service, Temporary Service and Diplomatic passports issued by the Holy See.

(w) those nationals or citizens of Bahrain who hold diplomatic and special passports issued by Bahrain when travelling to the UK for the purpose of a general visit in accordance with paragraph 41.

### Exception where the applicant holds an Electronic Visa Waiver Document (Oman, Qatar and United Arab Emirates passport holders only)

3. To obtain an Electronic Visa Waiver ("EVW") Document, a person (the "holder") or their agent must provide the required biographic and travel information at the Visa4UK website established by the United Kingdom Government at <http://www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk/home/evw>. The EVW Document must also specify:

(a) the flight, train or ship on which the holder intends to arrive in the United Kingdom, including the port of departure and arrival, and the scheduled date and time of departure and arrival, unless (b) or (c) applies;

(b) where the holder is seeking to arrive in the UK by entering a control zone in France or Belgium or supplementary control zone in France, the train or ship on which the holder intends to arrive in the United Kingdom, including:

(i) the railway station or port where the holder enters the control zone or supplementary control zone and from which the holder intends to depart for the United Kingdom, and

(ii) the railway station or port at which the holder intends to leave the train or ship after arrival in the United Kingdom, and

(iii) the scheduled date and time of departure from, and of arrival at, the specified railway stations or ports; or

(c) where the holder intends to cross the land border from the Republic of Ireland to the United Kingdom by train, car or any other means, the place at which it is intended to cross and the intended date and time of arrival in the United Kingdom.

When the EVW Document is issued it must be printed in a legible form and in English.

4. An EVW Document is only valid if issued at least 48 hours before the holder departs on a flight, train or ship to the United Kingdom or crosses the United Kingdom land border from the Republic of Ireland by train, car or any other means. An EVW Document may not be issued more than 3 months before the date of the holder's scheduled departure to the United Kingdom as specified on the EVW Document or, where the holder intends to cross the land border with the Republic of Ireland, before the intended date of the holder's arrival in the United Kingdom as specified on the EVW Document.

5. An EVW Document relates to one person and may only be used for one application for leave to enter the United Kingdom or, where applicable, one crossing of the land border from the Republic of Ireland. A child must have a separate EVW Document.

6. The holder must present the EVW Document to an Immigration Officer on request upon the holder's arrival in the United Kingdom or, where the holder is seeking to arrive in the United Kingdom by entering a control zone in France or Belgium or a supplementary control zone in France, upon arrival in that zone. The EVW Document must be surrendered to an Immigration Officer upon request.

7. The holder will be a visa national, and so will require entry clearance, if the biographic details



on the EVW Document do not match those on the valid national passport also presented by the holder to the Immigration Officer.

8. The holder will be a visa national, and so will require entry clearance, unless:

(a) the holder travels on the flight, train or ship specified on the EVW Document; or

(b) save where paragraphs (c) or (d) apply, the holder travels on a different flight, train or ship which departs from the same port and arrives at the same United Kingdom port as specified on the EVW Document, and which departs after the departure time specified on the EVW Document but arrives in the United Kingdom no more than 8 hours after the arrival time specified on the EVW Document; or

(c) where the holder is seeking to arrive in the United Kingdom by entering a control zone in France or Belgium or a supplementary control zone in France, the holder travels on a different ship or train which departs from the same railway station or port and arrives in the same United Kingdom railway station or port as specified on the EVW Document, and which departs after, but no more than 8 hours after, the departure time specified on the EVW Document; or

(d) where the holder is seeking to arrive in the United Kingdom by crossing the land border from the Republic of Ireland, the holder crosses the border at the time specified on the EVW Document or no more than 8 hours after the time specified on the EVW Document.

9. For the purposes of paragraphs 3, 6 and 8, "control zone" means a control zone defined by Article 2(1) and Schedule 1 to the Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) Order 1993 (SI 1993/1813) and Article 2 of the Nationality Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003 (SI 2003/2818), and "supplementary control zone" means a supplementary control zone defined by Article 2(1) and Schedule 1 to the Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) Order 1993 (SI 1993/1813).