**UK Visa Requirements**

All nationals of the countries and territories listed below in **red (underlined)** need visas to enter or transit the UK.

All nationals of the countries and territories listed below in **black** need visas to enter or transit the UK landside.

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

### 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;

(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).

### Nationals of the countries shown in RED (underlined) above need a visa to transit AIRSIDE unless they hold one of the following:

(i) a valid visa for entry to Canada, New Zealand, or the USA (whether the holder is travelling to or from these countries); or

(ii) a visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey FROM Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA and it is less than 6 months since the holder last entered that country with a valid entry visa;

(iii) a valid permanent residence permit issued by:

(a) Australia

(b) Canada

(c) New Zealand

(d) USA issued after 21 April 1998; or a valid US Immigrant visa endorsed 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 Resident card provided it is accompanied by a valid I-797 letter authorising extension; or a standalone US Immigration Form 155A/155B (attached to a sealed brown envelope); or

(iv) a valid common format residence permit issued by an EEA state or Switzerland; or

(v) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC VISAS (in order to transit to a destination other than the Republic of Ireland or the Common Travel Area);

(vi) a valid Schengen Airport Destination Scheme (ADS) group tourism visa where the holder is travelling TO the country that issued it; or

(vii) a valid airline ticket FOR 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.

### Landside Transit

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

### Transit without visa (TWOV)

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

(i) 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)

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

(i) a valid visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey FROM Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA and it is less than 6 months since the holder last entered that country with a valid entry visa;

(ii) a valid permanent residence permit issued by:

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(e) a valid common format residence permit issued by an EEA state or Switzerland; or

(f) an original or endorsed with a wet ink ADIT stamp version of an issued Immigration Form 155A/155B (attached to a sealed brown envelope); or

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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.

### UK Permanent Residents

If a visa national is permanently resident in the UK they do not need a visa, as long as they return to the UK within two years of their last departure.

### Passengers with the right of abode in the UK

If a visa national has a ‘certificate of entitlement to the right of abode’ label in their valid passport they do not need a visa.

### Holders of non-national refugee travel documents

If the passenger holds a refugee travel document issued by the UK they do not need a visa. However, if the passenger holds any other non-national or refugee travel document they need to enter the UK. Whether holders of non-national and refugee travel documents require a direct airside transit visa (DATV) depends on their original nationality, and whether they qualify for one of the exemptions listed above. Persons recognised as stateless by the 1954 UN Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons are not required to hold a DATV and may transit without a visa.

### Seamen

A seaman travelling on a ship, who is a visa national (including those in transit through the UK) does not need a visa if he holds a valid seaman’s book issued by one of these countries which also contains a statement that it is issued under ILO108 (or convention of 1958) or ILO185, having previously ratified ILO108 (or convention of 2003): Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Cayman Islands, Chad, China, Tuvalu, Cote d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Swaziland, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova (Republic of), Montserrat, Morocco, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, San Marino, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tasmania, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Virgin Islands (British), Yemen.

### If in doubt please telephone one of the numbers below for advice

If you are unsure whether you will need a visa or not please telephone one of the numbers below.

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