UK VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

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).

Visitas: visa nationals seeking to transit the United Kingdom AIRSIDE without a visa must:

1. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)
2. Not need a visa (e.g. a visa for that country if required)
3. Arrive and depart by air
4. Have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and
5. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

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

1. Have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and
2. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

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

UK permanent residents

If a visitor 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.

Visa requirements

If a visitor is resident in Canada, New Zealand or the USA (whether or not the holder is travelling to or from these countries);

(iv) have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and

(v) Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

Foreigners who are not nationals of non-national and refugee travel document holders

If a visitor holds a refugee travel document issued by the UK they do not need a visa. If the visitor holds any other non-national or refugee travel document they need a visa to enter the UK.

If a visitor is resident in Canada, New Zealand or the USA (whether or not the holder is travelling to or from these countries);

(iv) have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and

(v) Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

Seamen

A seaman travelling on duty, who is a visitor (including those in the UK) do not need a visa; if he holds a valid seaman’s book issued by one of these countries which also contains a statement that he holds an IL018 or IL019, having previously ratified ILO180 (or convention of 2003); Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Caribbean, the Philippines, the People’s Republic of China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Faroe Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea (Democratic), Korea (Republic), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, the Netherlands, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, the People’s Republic of China, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (non-biometric), Vietnam (biometric), Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the Virgin Islands (British), all holders of diplomatic and special passports do not require a visa for official visits, tourists visits or transit.

If a visitor holds any other non-national or refugee travel document they need a visa to enter the UK.

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2. Not need a visa (e.g. a visa for that country if required)
3. Arrive and depart by air
4. Have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and
5. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

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

1. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)
2. Not need a visa (e.g. a visa for that country if required)
3. Arrive and depart by air
4. Have a confirmed onward flight departing the same day from the same airport and
5. Hold the correct documents for their destination (e.g. a visa for that country if required)

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

Visa requirements

If a visitor is resident in Canada, New Zealand or the USA (whether or not the holder is travelling to or from these countries);