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 (TOV): 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).

Nationalities 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 Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA (whether or not 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 to that country; or
(iii) a valid airside visa for entry to the UK as part of a reasonable journey FROM that country for official visits, transit or travel; or
(iv) a valid airside visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey TO that country for official visits, transit or travel; or
(v) a valid permanent resident permit issued by an EEA state or Switzerland; or
(vi) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsoned BC or BC BIVS (in order to transit to a reasonable journey FROM 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).

A national holding a transit visa without a visa.

Holders of diplomatic and special passports do not require a visa for official visits, transit or travel.

Holders of diplomatic passports do not require a visa for transit unless they hold one of the following:
(i) a valid visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA; or
(ii) a valid visa for entry to the UK as part of a reasonable journey FROM that country for official visits, transit or travel; or
(iii) a valid airside visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey FROM that country for official visits, transit or travel; or
(iv) a valid airside visa for entry to Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA as part of a reasonable journey TO that country for official visits, transit or travel; or
(v) a valid permanent resident permit issued by an EEA state or Switzerland; or
(vi) a valid Irish biometric visa endorsed BC or BC BIVS (in order to transit to a reasonable journey FROM 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).