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1. THE UNIFORM FORMAT VISA (UFV) - DATA PROVIDED ON THE VISUAL INSPECTION ZONE

FIELD	DATA TO BE INSERTED
Valid for	The country for which the visa is valid. This will <i>only</i> be United Kingdom or UK (Gibraltar).
From	First date on which the visa may be used.
Until ¹	Latest date on which the visa is valid for presentation at a United Kingdom port of entry (or Gibraltar)
Number of Entries	"01" for single entry "MULT" for multiple entries. No other values are allowed.
Duration of stay	This field will be cancelled by inserting "XX". The EC has effect as LTE and the duration of stay is 6 months (if 6 months or more remain of the visa's period of validity) or the visa's remaining period of validity if less than 6 months.
Issued in	Place of issue.
On	Date of issue (for the UK this will be the same as in the "From" field above).
Number of passport	<p>The number printed in the passport. <i>NB If this exceeds 9 characters, only the first 9 will be printed in the machine readable zone.</i></p> <p>Where appropriate, the number of accompanying dependants included on the holder's passport will be added here. Children are indicated by an "x" preceded by a figure corresponding to their number and the spouse by means of a "y" (eg +3x +y).</p> <p>Where dependants are included on a passport but not included in the visa, the words "H only" will be printed after the passport number.</p>

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The data contents of this line include the following elements/fields:

FIELD	EXPLANATION
015348226	This is the number of the travel document. If there are more than 9 characters, only the first 9 will be printed. Letters may be included.
4	This is a check digit for the document number.
CHN	This is the nationality of the holder using the ICAO three letter code.
480423	This is the holder's date of birth in YYMMDD order. Unknown digits will be replaced by <<.
8	This is a check digit.
M	This represents the sex of the holder, i.e. M(male) F (female) or U (undisclosed).
961231	This represents the date of the expiry of the visa in YYMMDD order.
4	This is a check digit
<2<<0417	These characters are for the individual use of Member States.

3. THE UK CATEGORY D ENTRY CLEARANCE – DATA PROVIDED ON THE VISUAL INSPECTION ZONE

FIELD	EXPLANATION
Place of Issue	Post which issued EC.
Valid from	First date on which the visa may be used.
Valid until	Latest date on which the visa may be used.
Number of entries	“01” for single entry, “MULT” for multiple entries. No other values allowed.
VAF No	Unique identification number.
Type	If the holder is a visa national the entry will be preceded by “VISA” One of the entry clearance endorsements in Section 5.
Passport Number	The number printed in the passport. NB If this exceeds 9 characters, only the first 9 will be printed in the machine readable zone.
Sex	“M” – Male

FIELD	EXPLANATION
	“F” – Female “U” – Undisclosed “T” – Indeterminate
Nationality	Nationality of the holder using the ICAO three letter code.
Obsrv	The conditions of the leave to enter
Number of dependants	This will be a number. Should only be completed when the dependants are included on the same passport and the category of visa is identical to the passport holder.

4. THE UK CATEGORY D ENTRY CLEARANCE – DATA PROVIDED BY THE MACHINE READABLE ZONE

An example of the upper line would be:

FIELD	EXPLANATION
V	This is an indication to the machine that this is a visa, not a passport.
D	This represents the type of visa, so can only be “A” “B” “C” or “D”.
GBR	This represents the issuing state, as identified by the ICAO three letter code.
WONG	This is the family name, main name or surname of the holder. If there is more than one word in this name, each word will be separated by a single <. The end of the family name will be signified by more than one <.
Li	This is the first given or first name of the holder. There will always be one < separating it from any other given names.
KAN	This is the second given name of the holder.

An example of the lower line would be:

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480423	This is the holder's date of birth in YYMMDD order. Unknown digits will be replaced by <<.
8	This is a check digit.
M	This represents the sex of the holder i.e. M(ale) F(emale) U(ndisclosed) or I(ndeterminate).
961231	This represents the date of the expiry of the visa in YYMMDD order.
4	This is a check digit.
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5. LIST OF APPROVED ENTRY CLEARANCE ENDORSEMENTS

UNIFORM FORMAT VISA

Code	Description
A	DIRECT AIRSIDE TRANSIT
B	VISITOR IN TRANSIT
C	VISIT
C	VISIT - MEDICAL TREATMENT
C	VISIT - PLAB TEST
C	VISIT - MARRIAGE
C	VISIT - DIPLOMATIC COURIER

UK CATEGORY D VISA

The following endorsements, made by the issuing officer, indicates the purpose for which the entry clearance was issued.

NOTE: The “D” does not feature on the visa.

- D ACADEMIC VISITOR
- D AGRICULTURAL WORKER
- D AIRLINE EMPLOYEE
- D ARTIST
- D AU PAIR
- D BUNAC STUDENT
- D BUSINESS
- D BUSINESS – EC ASSOCIATE
- D COMPOSER
- D CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT
- D COURSE F
- D DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT LETTER NUMBER.....
- D DOMESTIC WORKER (VISITOR)
- D DOMESTIC WORKER (OTHER)
- D DEPENDANT DOMESTIC WORKER VISITOR
- D DEPENDANT DOMESTIC WORKER OTHER
- D DOMESTIC WORKER (DIPLOMAT)
- D EMPLOYMENT (EXCHANGE TEACHER)
- D EXCHANGE STUDENT
- D EXEMPT – MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES OF COMMONWEALTH
- D EXEMPT- VISIT ARMS CONTROL INSPECTOR
- D EXEMPT ARMED FORCES TRAINING
- D EXEMPT DIPLOMATIC

- D EXEMPT HOME FORCES
- D EXEMPT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION
- D EXEMPT OFFICIAL
- D EXEMPT VISITING FORCES
- D FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EEA NATIONAL
- D EEA FAMILY PERMIT: FAMILY MEMBER
- D EEA FAMILY PERMIT: TO JOIN PARTNER
- D EEA FAMILY PERMIT: TO ACCOMPANY PARTNER
- D FOR ADOPTION\360\HO
- D FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH
- D HUSBAND
- D INDEPENDENT MEANS
- D INVESTOR
- D JOINING AIRCRAFT
- D JOINING SHIP
- D MARRIAGE
- D MINISTER OF RELIGION

D OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

- D POST GRADUATE DENTIST
- D POST GRADUATE DOCTOR
- D PROSPECTIVE STUDENT
- D RETURNING RESIDENT
- D RIGHT OF ACCESS TO A CHILD
- D SETTLEMENT – ADOPTED CHILD
- D SETTLEMENT – ACCOMPANYING PARENT

- D SETTLEMENT ACCOMPANYING MOTHER TO JOIN FATHER
- D SETTLEMENT ACCOMPANYING FATHER TO JOIN MOTHER
- D SETTLEMENT CHILD OVER 18
- D SETTLEMENT CHILD UNDER 18
- D SETTLEMENT HUSBAND
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN * /ACCOMPANYING*
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN */ACCOMPANYING CHILD
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN */ACCOMPANYING GRANDCHILD
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN PARENT (S)
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN*/ACCOMPANYING RELATIVE
- D SETTLEMENT WIFE
- D SETTLEMENT:SPECIAL VOUCHER
- D SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACCOMPANY SPECIAL VOUCHER HOLDER
- D SHORT TERM STUDENT
- D SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH
- D STUDENT
- D STUDENT NURSE
- D STUDENT DEPENDANT
- D TO ACCOMPANY PARENT(S)
- D TO ACCOMPANY PARENT(S)/ CYR - CHILD PROBATIONARY YEAR
- D TO ACCOMPANY MOTHER/CYR
- D TO ACCOMPANY FATHER/CYR
- D TO ACCOMPANY PARTNER
- D TO ACCOMPANY PARTNER (DIPLOMAT)*

- D TO ACCOMPANY PARTNER (SS)
- D TO ACCOMPANY PARTNER (DIPLOMAT)
- D TO ACCOMPANY SPOUSE
- D TO COMPLETE STAY WHICH EXPIRES ON
- D TO JOIN PARENT(S)
- D TO JOIN PARTNER
- D TO JOIN PARTNER (DIPLOMAT)*
- D TO JOIN PARTNER (SS)
- D TO JOIN SPOUSE
- D TO JOIN PARENT(S)/CYR
- D TO JOIN MOTHER/CYR
- D TO JOIN FATHER/CYR
- D UK ANCESTRY – EMPLOYMENT
- D VOLUNTARY WORKER
- D WIFE
- D WORK PERMIT
- D WORK PERMIT DEPENDANT
- D WORKING HOLIDAY
- D WORK PERMIT ISSUED BY IRISH REPUBLIC AUTHORITIES
- D WORK PERMIT (TWES)
- D WRITER

* Delete as necessary