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Information handout on Direct Airside Transit Visas

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A Direct Airside Transit Visa is valid for a same day airside transit through a single United Kingdom airport.

A Direct Airside Transit Visa is **not** valid for:

- a. entry to the UK; or
- b. journeys to the Common Travel Area (Republic of Ireland, Channellslands and Isle of Man); or
- c. journeys arriving at one UK airport and leaving from another; or
- d. overnight stays in normal circumstances;
- e. passing through UK Immigration control to collect baggage.

If you need to pass through UK Immigration control to change airports, or if you need to re-check baggage to your final destination, or leave the airport for any reason, you need a different type of UK visa.

It is very important that if your ticket is changed for any reason, you check that you still qualify for a Direct Airside Transit Visa. If in doubt please check with the nearest British Mission. Airlines may refuse to carry passengers in possession of the wrong type of visa.

