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ARRIVING IN VISITOR NATIONALITY	Schengen	Non-Schengen EU countries		United Kingdom
	EU22 countries + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland	Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania <i>(countries apply Schengen rules at border for non-EU nationals)</i>	Republic of Ireland	
UK national	<p><u>Changes from 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry under visa waiver • ETIAS¹ applicable once operational from 2021 • Free movement within EU ends • Max 90 days in Schengen in a 180-day rolling period • Passport – 6 months validity required and issued within last 10 years² • Unless agreed otherwise, not allowed to use EU/EEA/CH³ border lanes 	<p><u>Changes from 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry under visa waiver • ETIAS applicable once operational from 2021 • Free movement within EU ends • Max 90 days in a 180-day rolling period per country (time does not count towards Schengen time limit) • Passport – 6 months validity required and issued within last 10 years • Unless agreed otherwise, not allowed to use EU/EEA/CH border lanes 	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free movement continues due to Common Travel Area⁴ • Photo identity document required 	
EU/EEA/Swiss national (excluding Irish)	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> Free movement still applies</p>	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free movement still applies • National identity card can be used for entry 	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free movement still applies • National identity card can be used for entry⁵ 	<p><u>Changes from 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry under visa waiver • Free movement to end on 1 January • Max 6 months each entry • National identity card <u>may</u> not be sufficient document for entry (pending confirmation from UK Government) • Passport to be valid for duration of stay • E-gates can still be used if biometric passport used • Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) being considered by UK Government (date TBC)⁶

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Non-EU national visa waiver (excluding UK) e.g. USA, Japan	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETIAS applicable once operational from 2021 Max 90 days in Schengen in a 180-day rolling period Passport - 6 months validity required and issued within last 10 years 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETIAS applicable once operational from 2021 Max 90 days in a 180-day rolling period per country (time does not count towards Schengen time limit) Passport - 6 months validity required and issued within last 10 years 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 3 months each entry Passport to be valid for duration of stay 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 6 months each entry Passport to be valid for duration of stay Nationals from 7 countries⁷ can continue to use e-gates if biometric passport used Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) being considered by UK Government (date TBC)
Non-EU national visa required e.g. China, India	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'C' visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 90 days in Schengen in a 180-day rolling period ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days⁸ Passport 3 months validity required after leaving date and issued within last 10 years 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schengen 'C' visa and Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania visa accepted in bilateral agreements Length of time depends on visa issued, up to 90 days in a 180-day rolling period per country (time does not count towards Schengen time limit) ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days Passport 3 months validity required after leaving date and issued within last 10 years 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'C' visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 90 days Visa schemes with UK remain in effect⁹ Passport 6 months validity required after leaving date 	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Standard' visitor visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 6 months ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days Visa schemes with Republic of Ireland remain in effect Passport to be valid for duration of stay <p>Changes from 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Travellers Scheme¹⁰ under review and may be phased out Airport transit visa¹¹ may be required for some countries

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¹ [ETIAS](#) – European Travel Information and Authorisation System

- Mandatory pre-clearance permit for Schengen zone visitors who are nationals of countries with Schengen zone visa-waiver status
- Permit costs €7 per person valid for 3 years and allows multiple entries during this time
- Implementation is expected to begin in 2021. Once more information is known it will be published on [ETOA's visas webpage](#).

² Extra months added over 10 years do not count towards validity. Therefore, passport must have been issued for less than 9 years and 6 months on the day of arrival. UK passports with the colour burgundy or 'European Union' on the cover can continue to be used until expiry.

³ EEA/CH - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland

⁴ [Common Travel Area](#) – applies to UK and Irish nationals

⁵ If travelling to Northern Ireland, while there are no physical border checks, visitors should check UK immigration arrangements.

⁶ Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) – UK Government is considering introducing a mandatory pre-clearance permit for visa-waiver nationals similar to USA ESTA and Schengen ETIAS. Start date and fee currently unknown.

⁷ Non-EU nationals who can use UK e-gates – Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, United States of America

⁸ [Approved destination status agreement \(ADS\)](#) for Chinese tour groups

⁹ British Irish Visa Scheme for China and India nationals ([Irish Government guidance](#)) ([UK Government guidance](#)) and [Short-Stay Visa Waiver Programme](#)

¹⁰ [List of Travellers Scheme](#) – applies to school children who are non-EU nationals and resident in an EU country. A visa is not required if visiting on an organised school trip.

¹¹ Airport transit visa – en route to the UK some non-EU visa required nationals will require an airport transit visa if they pass through the international transit area of airports situated in the EU (except Ireland) or in the Schengen Associated Countries (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland). A UK visa will no longer exempt from this requirement. Further information point 2.2 [Travelling between the EU and UK](#).

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Further information

European Commission – [Travelling between the EU and UK](#) (could change depending on outcome of negotiations during 2020 between EU and the UK)

European Commission – [FAQ on Schengen visa waiver](#) (published prior to Brexit; content still correct but note the UK is no longer an EU member state and is now classed as a third country)

Republic of Ireland – [Visa policy & guidance](#)

United Kingdom – [Visiting the UK](#)