

EU-UK Entry Requirements

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References in square brackets are to the agreement: for ease of use, please consult ETOA's abridged version.

Visitor Category	UK citizen established in UK visiting EU [1]	Selected other conditions
Leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 days in 180 days • Min. 6 months remaining on passport, and not issued more than 9 years 6 months prior to date of entry [2] 	
Short-term Business Visitor (STBV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 days in 6 months • Employee [3] • Do not sell to general public • Do not receive payment from client operator in host country • Do not supply services within framework of a contract between a company outside host country and consumer inside host country [Article SERVIN.4.3(1)] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour must have begun in country of which STBV tour guide is natural person [Annex Servin-3.8(j)] • Translators or interpreters must be employees of company in country in which STBV is a natural person [Annex Servin-3.8(k)] • Specific conditions and limitations apply in CY, DK, FI, LV, MT, SE, SI, SK [Annex Servin-3.6]
Contractual Service Supplier (CSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 12 months • Employee, directly contracted up to 12 months to supply • Min. 12 months experience with same employer • Min. 3 years relevant professional experience • Professional qualification if required in host country [Article SERVIN.4.1(5)(b)] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of permitted activities for CSS [Annex Servin-4.10.(x),(ii),(jj)] • Specific restrictions for 'tour managers' (excluding 'economic test') apply in AT, CZ. [4] • Specific restrictions for 'tourist guides' (excluding 'economic test') none - though note that for all EU, member states retain discretion (they are 'unbound') [Annex Servin-4.12] [5]
Independent Professional (IP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 12 months • Contracted for services (i.e. freelance) for up to 12 months [Article SERVIN.4.4(4)] • Min. 6 years relevant professional experience • Professional qualification if required in host country • Application process TBD [Article SERVIN.4.1(5)(c)] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific restrictions for 'tourist guides' (excluding 'economic test'), though for all EU, member states retain discretion (they are 'unbound') [Annex Servin-4.11] [6] [7]
Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 days in 6 months • Possessing essential, specialised knowledge • High level of qualification and/or experience and/or membership of accredited profession • Subject to assessment [Article SERVIN.4.1(5)(f)] 	

Notes

1	Rights of UK citizens to travel to and work in Ireland are unchanged due to the Common Travel Area.
2	Some UK passports have a validity exceeding 10 years so both limits may be relevant.
3	"Short Term Business Visitor" is not adequately defined. Our assumption, inferring from usage throughout the agreement, is that it connotes employment rather than a freelance contract. Clarification is needed.
4	"Economic test" refers to the general right to assess visitors' means to minimise undue financial burden on host
5	"Unbound" means that states retain discretion to impose restrictions in relation to the activity in question.
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7	Neither tourist guide nor tour manager is mentioned in Annex Servin-4.11 that covers activity provided by IPs, so there is no presumption that 'mode 4 activity' of those services is permitted, but by inference it is subject to the restrictions set out. Mode 4 is a standard WTO term for the presence of a citizen of one party of a trade agreement in the territory of another to provide a service.