

## Border process for visitors from 1 January 2021

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	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><b><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry under visa waiver</li> <li>• Max 90 days in Schengen area in a 180-day rolling period</li> <li>• Not allowed to use EU/EEA/CH<sup>1</sup> border lanes (includes persons covered by Withdrawal Agreement i.e. residents in EU prior to end of 2020)</li> <li>• Passport – 6 months validity required on arrival and issued within last 10 years<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Passport will be stamped and e-gates may only be used on exit in specific circumstances<sup>3</sup> (persons covered by Withdrawal Agreement passport are exempt from passport stamping)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Changes from 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once EES<sup>4</sup> implemented (expected first half of 2022), stamping of passports will not be required and e-gates may be used on entry and exit.</li> <li>• ETIAS<sup>5</sup> applicable once operational (expected second half of 2022)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry under visa waiver</li> <li>• Max 90 days in a 180-day rolling period per country (time does not count towards Schengen time limit)</li> <li>• Not allowed to use EU/EEA/CH border lanes (includes persons covered by Withdrawal Agreement i.e. residents in EU prior to end of 2020)</li> <li>• Passport – 6 months validity required on arrival and issued within last 10 years</li> <li>• Passport will be stamped and e-gates may only be used on exit in specific circumstances until Entry Exit System (persons covered by Withdrawal Agreement are exempt from passport stamping)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Additional Changes from 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once EES implemented (expected first half of 2022), stamping of passports will not be required and e-gates may be used on entry and exit.</li> <li>• ETIAS applicable once operational (expected second half of 2022)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement continues due to Common Travel Area<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• Photo identity document required</li> </ul>	

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EU/EEA/Swiss national (excluding Irish)	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> Free movement still applies	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement still applies</li> <li>• National identity card can be used for entry</li> </ul>	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement still applies</li> <li>• National identity card can be used for entry</li> </ul>	<b><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entry under visa waiver</b></li> <li>• <b>Max 6 months each entry</b></li> </ul> <b><u>Changes from 1 Oct 2021</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National identity card will not be accepted document for entry for most visitors<sup>7</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Passport to be required (unless National Identity card can be used) and valid for duration of stay</b></li> <li>• <b>E-gates can still be used if biometric passport used</b></li> </ul>
Irish national	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement still applies</li> <li>• Photo identity document required</li> </ul>	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement still applies</li> <li>• Photo identity document required</li> </ul>		<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free movement continues due to Common Travel Area</li> <li>• Photo identity document required</li> </ul>
Non-EU national visa waiver (excluding UK) e.g. USA, Japan	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entry and Exit System and ETIAS applicable once operational (expected first half and second half of 2022 respectively)</b></li> <li>• Max 90 days in Schengen in a 180-day rolling period</li> <li>• Passport - 6 months validity required on arrival and issued within last 10 years</li> </ul>	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Entry and Exit System and ETIAS applicable once operational (expected first half and second half of 2022 respectively)</b></li> <li>• Max 90 days in a 180-day rolling period per country (time does not count towards Schengen time limit)</li> <li>• Passport - 6 months validity required on arrival and issued within last 10 years</li> </ul>	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 3 months each entry</li> <li>• Passport to be valid for duration of stay</li> </ul>	<u>Unaffected by Brexit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 6 months each entry</li> <li>• Passport to be valid for duration of stay</li> <li>• Nationals from 7 countries<sup>8</sup> can continue to use e-gates if biometric passport used</li> </ul>

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Non-EU national visa required e.g. China, India	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'C' visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 90 days in Schengen in a 180-day rolling period</li> <li>• ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days<sup>9</sup></li> <li>• Passport 3 months validity required after leaving date and issued within last 10 years</li> </ul> <p><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If resident in UK, List of Travellers visa scheme<sup>10</sup> form can no longer be used on school trips from the UK</li> </ul>	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schengen 'C' visa and Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania visa accepted in bilateral agreements</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days</li> <li>• Passport 3 months validity required after leaving date and issued within last 10 years</li> </ul> <p><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If resident in UK, List of Travellers visa scheme form can no longer be used on school trips from the UK</li> </ul>	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'C' visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 90 days</li> <li>• Visa schemes with UK remain in effect until stated otherwise<sup>11</sup></li> <li>• Passport 6 months validity required after leaving date</li> </ul> <p><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If resident in UK, List of Travellers visa scheme form can no longer be used on school trips from the UK</li> </ul>	<p><u>Unaffected by Brexit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Standard' visitor visa - length of time depends on visa issued, up to 6 months</li> <li>• ADS scheme for Chinese tour groups up to 30 days</li> <li>• Visa schemes with Republic of Ireland remain in effect</li> <li>• Passport to be valid for duration of stay</li> </ul> <p><u>Changes from 1 Jan 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schengen airport transit visa<sup>12</sup> required for some nationals if transiting through Schengen to the UK</li> </ul> <p><u>Changes from 1 Oct 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If resident in EU/EEA/CH, List of Travellers visa scheme form can no longer be used on school trips to the UK</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> EEA/CH - Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> E-gates may only be used on departing Schengen area if member state allows and has a national entry-exit system, traveller is departing from the same Schengen member state as arriving and the passport is stamped.

<sup>4</sup> [EES](#) – Entry/Exit System – automated IT system for registering non-EU nationals (no cost to traveller)

<sup>5</sup> [ETIAS](#) – European Travel Information and Authorisation System

- Mandatory pre-clearance permit for Schengen area visitors who are nationals of countries with Schengen visa-waiver status
- Permit costs €7 per person, valid for 3 years and allows multiple entries during this time
- Further information on how to apply once published will be on [ETOA's visas webpage](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Common Travel Area](#) – applies to UK and Irish nationals

<sup>7</sup> Exempt persons - EU National I.D card can still be used until at least 31 December 2025 to enter the UK by person with status under the EU Settlement Scheme, have a frontier worker permit, S2 healthcare visitor or a Swiss service provider ([UK Border Operating Model](#) page 261, [UK Government visiting the UK](#))

<sup>8</sup> Non-EU nationals who can use UK e-gates – Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, United States of America

<sup>9</sup> [Approved destination status agreement \(ADS\)](#) for Chinese tour groups

<sup>10</sup> List of Travellers visa scheme – applies to school children who are non-EU nationals and resident in an EU country. While the List of Travellers visa scheme can no longer be used on a UK school trip to the EU from 1 Jan 2021 (and from 1 Oct 2021 for EU school trips to UK), EU member states can decide individually whether to grant a visa exemption to non-EU national on a UK school trip, who would otherwise now require a visa. Further information point 2.4 [Travelling between the EU and UK](#).

<sup>11</sup> British Irish Visa Scheme for China and India nationals ([Irish Government guidance](#)) ([UK Government guidance](#)) and [Short-Stay Visa Waiver Programme](#)

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<sup>12</sup> Schengen 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). List of nationals and where required can be found [here](#). A UK visa will no longer exempt from this requirement. Further information point 2.3 [Travelling between the EU and UK](#).

### **Further Resources**

**European Commission** – [Travelling between the EU and UK](#)

**European Commission** – [Border processing of UK nationals at the Schengen external border](#) (not applicable to Ireland)

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

**United Kingdom** – [Visiting the UK](#)