United Kingdom

Source: GOV.UK

18.03.2022

Travel to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19)

You do not need to complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel, take any COVID-19 tests or quarantine when you arrive in England.

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Travel to England rules

When you travel to England, you:

- do **not** need to complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel
- do **not** need to take any COVID-19 tests before you travel or after you arrive
- do **not** need to quarantine when you arrive

This applies whether you are vaccinated or not.

It includes people who are transiting through England.

Other countries may have rules about what you need to do to leave the country to travel to England. You should check travel advice for the country you are travelling from.

How to stay safe while in the UK and on public transport

Check separate public health guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Coronavirus while you are in the UK.

Travel provider and transport hub rules

Your travel provider, or the transport hub you travel through, may have COVID-19 rules in place. For example they may require or advise you to wear a face covering.

You should follow any COVID-19 rules and guidance from:

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

19.12.2022

United Kingdom: Customs Declaration Service (CDS) update and update on Industrial Action

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) informs on the extension of the Customs Declaration Service exporter deadline and on the impact of industrial action at some UK airports and Port of Newhaven.

- **Customs Declaration Service exporter deadline extended**

- The deadline for moving to the Customs Declaration Service for exports is changing to allow more time for those businesses making export declarations to prepare.
- HMRC previously said that all export declarations needed to be made on the Customs Declarations Service by 31 March 2023.
- After consultation with the border industry, this deadline is changed to 30 November 2023.
- They will use this time to continue to work with the border industry – including software developers – to make sure declarants have a range of software options available to make export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service.
- This pragmatic approach will ensure businesses have enough time to prepare and has been welcomed by trade bodies who we will continue to work closely with.
- There are opportunities for some exporters to start making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service before 30 November 2023 and they will be encouraging that to happen where possible.

They will be providing further information in early 2023 on what businesses need to do and the support available to them to help prepare for the exports migration deadline.

Further information can be found: **here** and **here**.

- **Impact of industrial action at some UK airports and Port of Newhaven**

The Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union has announced industrial action by some Border Force members on 23-26 December 2022 and 28-31 December 2022 at the following locations:

- Birmingham Airport
- Cardiff Airport
- Gatwick Airport
- Glasgow Airport
- Heathrow T 2, 3, 4 & 5
- Manchester Airport
- Port of Newhaven

Moving goods on the affected dates
This industrial action could lead to disruption at ports, airports, and Inland Border Facilities (IBF) including queues, and the driver should be prepared for this.
If the driver is able to move goods outside of this period, then checking with the operator before travelling is advised.
To check IBF site availability **online**.

Moving goods through the Port of Newhaven
Contacting the operator to understand how this may affect the movement is advised.

- your travel provider – airline, ferry, coach or train company
- the transport venue – airport, port, coach or railway station

Red list countries and territories

There are currently no red list restrictions in place for travel to England.

Travel abroad from England

Other countries have rules about what you must do to travel there from England.

Read separate guidance about what you need to do to travel abroad from England.

18 March 2022
When you arrive in England from abroad you do not need to take any COVID-19 tests or fill in a UK passenger locator form.
14 March 2022
If you will arrive in England after 4am, Friday 18 March, you do not need to take any COVID-19 tests or fill in a UK passenger locator form.
5 March 2022
If you began your journey in Russia, you do not need to complete a passenger locator form, or take a COVID-19 test before travel to England or on arrival.
2 March 2022
If you began your journey in Ukraine, you do not need to complete a passenger locator form, or take a COVID-19 test before travel to England or on arrival.
28 February 2022
From 9am Monday 28 February, you can fill in the UK passenger locator form up to 3 days before you arrive in England.
24 February 2022
From 24 February, there is no legal requirement to self-isolate if you get a positive day 2 test result.
11 February 2022
You do not need to take any COVID-19 travel tests or self-isolate on arrival in England if you qualify as fully vaccinated.
24 January 2022
The testing and quarantine rules for international travel to England will change 11 February 2022.
9 January 2022
You can now choose a lateral flow test or a PCR test as your post arrival test.
7 January 2022
From 4am 7 January you do not have to quarantine on arrival in England if you qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England.
5 January 2022
Changes to rules for fully vaccinated people travelling to England from 4am 7 January 2022.
24 December 2021
People who qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England can now end self-isolation after 7 days with 2 negative lateral flow tests.
20 December 2021
Further information about quarantine rules for children aged 4 and under.
7 December 2021
People aged 12 years and over must COVID-19 test before they travel to England from abroad.
4 December 2021
From 4am, Tuesday 7 December all people aged 12 years and over must also take aPCRor LFD COVID-19 test before they travel to England from abroad.

Moving goods via air freight
There is likely to be some impact on goods moving via air freight – although each airport may be affected differently. The recommendation is to speak to the operator to discuss the best way to move the goods around these dates.

Carrying merchandise in baggage or more than £10,000 in cash and need to make a declaration
For merchandise in baggage under £1500/1000kg which does not contain licensed items, the simplest way to declare the goods is through the simplified **online declaration form**.
The simplest way to declare large amounts of cash is also online, following this **guidance**.
If the driver can't use the online service, the red point service at the port or airport will be operational during this period but it is possible that the driver will experience some delays.

Moving goods via the Port of Dover, Eurotunnel and/or using Sevington Inland Border Facility, from mid-December
The driver may experience traffic delays in the area due to higher volumes of passenger traffic at this time of year. The driver is invited to build in more time for the journey.

Source: HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

06.10.2022

United Kingdom: Warrington and Ebbsfleet Inland Border Facilities are closing

After reviewing the usage of the Inland Border Facilities at Warrington and Ebbsfleet, HM Revenue and Customs informs on the permanent closures of the Inland Border Facilities.

- Warrington Inland Border Facility (IBF) will permanently close from 23:59 on 13 November 2022. In preparation for the closure, Warrington IBF will no longer accept import movements from 23:59 on Sunday 6 November 2022.
- Ebbsfleet Inland Border Facility (IBF) will permanently close from 23:59 on 27 November 2022. In preparation for the closure, Ebbsfleet IBF will no longer accept import movements from 23:59 on Sunday 20 November 2022.

If you are moving goods in or out of the UK, please continue to access services at:
- Sevington IBF, Ashford, TN25 6GE
- Holyhead IBF, Holyhead, LL65 2YQ
- Dover Western Docks, Freight Clearance Centre, Cruise Terminal 1, Lord Warden Square, Dover CT17 9DH
- Stop 24, Folkestone Services, Junction 11, M20, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4BL

Live animals and ADR goods cannot be accepted at Sevington IBF. For any vehicles requiring customs processes relating to live animals or ADR goods in the South East, you will need to attend either:
- Dover Western Docks, Freight Clearance Centre, Cruise Terminal 1, Lord Warden Square, Dover CT17 9DH
- Stop 24, Folkestone Services, Junction 11, M20, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4BL

They encourage to start using either Sevington or Holyhead IBFs with immediate effect.

Further information on the announcement is available: **here**.

A document translated into various languages is available for download when opening the flash Info.

30 November 2021
People who qualify as fully vaccinated must quarantine and take a PCR test before the end of day 2 after they arrive in England. Lateral flow tests will not be accepted.
28 November 2021
From 4am 30 November 2021, fully vaccinated people must self-isolate and take a PCR test before the end of day 2 after they arrive in England. They may leave self-isolation if their PCR result is negative. Lateral flow tests will not be accepted.
25 November 2021
South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia and Zimbabwe will move onto the red list at 12.00 midday Friday 26 November. A temporary flight ban will be in place and all travellers who have been in these countries must quarantine and take tests.
22 November 2021
Travel to England rules for children no longer depend on their place of residence.
18 November 2021
Clarification about unclear or inconclusive test results.
8 November 2021
From 4am 22 November 2021, all children aged 17 and under will not have to quarantine on arrival in England.
22 October 2021
People who qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England can book a lateral flow test for use from 24 October instead of a PCR test.
15 October 2021
From 22 October, if you qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England, you will be able to book an antigen lateral flow device (LFD) test instead of a PCR for your 'on arrival' test.
4 October 2021
Rule changes for international travel to England for people who qualify as fully vaccinated.
19 July 2021
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Guidance

Travel to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Check what COVID-19 tests you need to take and the quarantine rules for travel to England.

From:

Department for Transport and **Department of Health and Social Care**

Applies to England

- Guidance for Wales
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- Guidance for Northern Ireland

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Source: HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

16.03.2022

COVID-19 Update: All COVID-19 travel restrictions removed in the UK

The government of the United Kingdom will remove the remaining COVID-19 international travel restrictions for all passengers from 4:00, 18 March 2022.

All COVID-19 travel restrictions will be lifted, including the passenger locator form (PLF) for arrivals into UK, as well as all tests for passengers who do not qualify as vaccinated. This change, therefore, removes the need for unvaccinated passengers to take a pre-departure test and a day 2 post arrival test.

Department for Transport's publication: here.

Source: gov.uk

03.03.2021

COVID-19 update: closure of Essex Arena in the United Kingdom

On 11 February Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) relaxed some of the COVID testing requirements for hauliers. **Only unvaccinated hauliers now need to take a test on Day 2** (more information here).

In light of these changes, **Essex Arena haulier testing facility will close from 16 March, and testing will be provided at Thurrock Services (adjacent to Essex Arena)**.

From 5 March the requirements are also moving from observed testing to self-testing; hauliers can collect a pack of test kits from DfTbs sites to complete at their own convenience. This mirrors the self-test approach for the general population. Hauliers are encouraged to register their test results on the NHS website where they can, although it is recognised this may not be possible in all cases. **Certificates will no longer be issued to hauliers from 5 March**.

Hauliers testing will be available at IAS sites, and at Sevington Inland Border Facility, until 31 March. The Department for Transport is continuing to work with DHSC on contingency measures should there be new international testing requirements imposed by EU Member States on hauliers. There are currently no international requirements for hauliers to complete a pre-departure test prior to leaving the UK.

More information will also be provided to hauliers at the testing sites to explain the changes.

Source: Department for Transport

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Changes to international travel rules from 11 February 2022

If you arrive in England after 4am, 11 February, the following rules will apply.

Fully vaccinated – from 11 February

If you qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England, you:

- will not need to take a COVID-19 test before you travel to England or after you arrive
- will not need to quarantine when you arrive

You will need to complete a passenger locator form before you travel to England.

Check if you can follow the rules for people who are fully vaccinated – includes people aged 17 and under.

Not fully vaccinated – from 11 February

If you do not qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England, you will need to:

- show proof of a negative COVID-19 test – test to be taken in the 2 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for a COVID-19 PCR test– to be taken after you arrive in England
- complete a passenger locator formbefore you travel to England

You will need to book the PCR test before you travel.

You will not need to quarantine, unless the result of the PCR test is positive.

If you arrive in England before 4am, 11 February you must follow the current rules, as set out in this guidance below.

International travel rules until 11 February 2022

This page tells you what you must do before you travel to England and after you arrive.

What you must do depends on whether you qualify as fully vaccinated under the rules for travel to England.

There are different rules if you have been in a red list country or territory in the 10 days before you arrive in England. Red list rules apply whether you are fully vaccinated or not.

If you are fully vaccinated

These rules apply until 4am 11 February. Read about the rules that will apply if you arrive in England after 4am 11 February.

This is what you need to do if you qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to England.

Before you travel to England – fully vaccinated

09.02.2022

COVID-19 Update: change in Testing Requirements for International Hauliers Entering England

Covid Testing Guidance for international hauliers will be changing on 11 February.

From 04.00am 11 February, hauliers who enter England from abroad and **are fully vaccinated will not need to take any COVID-19 travel tests** before or after arrival in England. Hauliers who do not qualify as fully vaccinated must take an arrival rapid lateral flow (LFD) test by day 2.

The list of haulier advice sites where drivers can get free COVID-19 tests is available here.

Source: Department for Transport

07.02.2022

UK - registering border-crossing

Drivers equipped with a digital tachograph **are also requested to record border crossing when entering the UK**.

As the Mobility Package came into force before the end of the transition period, this measure was retained in UK law, and thus the UK regulation reflects this recent Mobility Package change. Drivers are therefore requested to follow the same procedure as they would for entering other EU countries.

Sources: RHA, UK Department for Transport

04.02.2022

France - United Kingdom

COVID-19 Update: modification of the measures applying to vaccinated passengers coming from the UK

From 4 February 2022, rules applying to vaccinated people travelling from the United Kingdom are relaxed.

People are still requested to present a negative test before entering France (PCR or antigenic test) **taken no more than 24 hours before arriving (for non-vaccinated people), or 48 hours (vaccinated).**

Before you travel to England you must:

- book and pay for a COVID-19 test– to be taken after you arrive in England
- complete a passenger locator form– to be completed in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

You will need to enter the booking reference for your COVID-19 test in the UK passenger locator form.

If you're in England for less than 2 days, you still need to book and pay for a COVID-19 test to take after you arrive.

When you arrive in England – fully vaccinated

You do not need to quarantine when you arrive in England.

You must take a COVID-19 test. This is the test that you booked before travel. You can book either a lateral flow test or a PCR test.

You can take the test any time after you arrive and before the end of day 2 at the latest. The day you arrive is day 0.

If your test result is positive, you must self-isolate.

If your lateral flow test result is positive, you must also take a PCR test.

Read separate guidance on what you must do if your test result is positive.

Check if you qualify as fully vaccinated

These rules apply until 4am 11 February. Read about the rules that will apply if you arrive in England after 4am 11 February.

To qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to England, you must have proof of full vaccination with a full course of an approved vaccine.

You must have had your final dose of the vaccine at least 14 days before you arrive in England. The day you had your final dose does not count as one of the 14 days.

The proof of vaccination must have been issued by either:

- the UK vaccination programme
- the United Nations vaccine programme for staff and volunteers
- an overseas vaccination programme with an approved proof of vaccination for travel to the UK

Check which vaccines are approved and the list of countries and territories with approved proof of vaccination.

Natural immunity

Proof of natural immunity will not be accepted as an alternative to proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test.

Children and other groups that can follow fully vaccinated rules

Even if you are not fully vaccinated, the fully vaccinated rules apply if you are:

- under 18 - see Travelling with children in this guidance
- taking part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK or the USA (US residents only for USA trials), or a phase 2 or 3 vaccine trial that is regulated by the EMA or SRA
- unable to have a COVID-19 vaccination for a medical reason which has been approved by a clinician under the medical exemptions process, and you are resident in England

For vaccinated passengers:
- Proof of full vaccination (acceptance period of 9 months of vaccination certificates for the purposes of travel)
- Present a certificate of international travelB
- Random tests are still performed when reaching France. In case of positive result, isolation will be requested.

For non-vaccinated passengers:
- It is required to have a compelling reason to travel to or from the UK
- Present a certificate of international travelB
- Mandatory registration before entering France, through a dedicated platform
- 10 days of isolation are required.

Reminder:
Road transport is part of the compelling reasons. Professional drivers are exempt from testing and isolation measures. Drivers are also exempt to fill the specific UK locator form. Previous requirements (declaration, attestation) still apply (see here).

Source: AFTRI

14.01.2022

France- United Kingdom

COVID-19 Update: modification of the measures applying to passengers coming from the UK

From 14 January 2022, rules applying to people travelling from the United Kingdom are relaxed.

Both non-vaccinated and vaccinated people are still requested to present a negative test before entering France (PCR or antigenic test taken no more than 24 hours before arriving).

For vaccinated passengers:
- No compelling reason to travel to or from the UK is requested anymore.
- No registration before entering France is requested anymore.
- No isolation measure applies when travelling to France.
- Random tests are still performed when reaching France. In case of positive result, isolation will be requested.

For non-vaccinated passengers:
- It is required to have a compelling reason to travel to or from the UK.
- Mandatory registration before entering France, through a dedicated platform.
- 10 days of isolation are required.

Reminder:
Road transport is part of the compelling reasons. Professional drivers are exempt from testing and isolation measures. Drivers are also exempt to fill the specific UK locator form. Previous requirements (declaration, attestation) still apply (see here).

Source: AFTRI

10.01.2022

Read about applying for a medical exemption from vaccination using the NHS COVID Pass if you live in England.

Proving your vaccination status

If you are fully vaccinated under the UK vaccination programme, you can prove your vaccination status using either:

- NHS COVID Passfor England and Wales
- NHS Scotland COVID Status app
- COVIDCert NIin Northern Ireland

You can also use the NHS COVID Pass letter, which you can request via the NHS 119 service or online via NHS.UK. You cannot use the paper card you receive following your vaccination as proof of vaccination.

There are different ways to prove your vaccination status if you were vaccinated outside of the UK.

Check what proof is required for the country or territory where you were vaccinated.

If you cannot prove that you qualify under the fully vaccinated rules, you must follow the rules for people who are not fully vaccinated.

Red list countries

There are different rules if you have been in a red list country in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

Check which countries and territories are on the red list and read the red list rules.

If you are not fully vaccinated

These rules apply until 4am 11 February. Read about the rules that will apply if you arrive in England after 4am 11 February.

This is what you need to do if you do not qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to England.

Check this section of this guidance to see if you qualify as fully vaccinated.

Before you travel to England – not fully vaccinated

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test – to be taken in the 2 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for day 2 and day 8 COVID-19 PCR tests– to be taken after arrival in England
- complete a passenger locator form– to be completed in the 48 hours before you arrive in England

You will need to enter the booking reference for your day 2 and day 8 tests in the UK passenger locator form.

Read more about taking a COVID-19 test before you travel to England.

When you arrive in England – not fully vaccinated

After you arrive in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 full days
- take your COVID-19 PCR tests – you must book these testsbefore you travel

You must take the first test on or before day 2 and the second test on or after day 8. The day you arrive is day 0.

EU-UK: make sure the correct documents are available for customs checks

From 1 January 2022, anyone moving goods between Great Britain (GB) and the European Union (EU) through a Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) border location must be registered to use this service. IRU has been informed that 30% of vehicles arriving at the French Channel crossings (ports and Eurotunnel) are presenting invalid Goods Vehicle References (GMRs). This causes additional waiting times and can lead to the vehicle being turned back or even being denied access to embarkation areas. UK Customs (HMRC) have identified a number of recurring errors in the presented GMRs and have issued additional guidance, which complements the guidance available on the website of the UK Government.

If youbre moving goods through border locations that use GVMS, make sure that you:
1.Get a Goods Vehicle Reference (GMR) for all movements, including empties.
2. Do not use the trailer references when entering your Vehicle Registration Number (VRN) into the GMR for an accompanied movement, as this means the carrier will be unable to validate your GMR. The VRN must match the vehicle presenting the GMR.
3. Do not add EU export Movement Reference Numbers (MRN) numbers into the GMR.
4. Ensure that you are entering the correct type of declaration reference, which is relevant for your movement. For exports via the UK Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) or Customs Declaration System (CDS) this is the Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR), for imports via CDS this is the MRN and for imports via CHIEF this is the Entry Reference Number (ERN). For full details around which declaration types should be entered in a GMR refer to Get a goods movement reference on GOV.UK.
5. Declarants - Use the dual location code for all exports declarations from GB to EU - when moving through the border locations of Dover and Eurotunnel.
6. Declarants - Ensure that Additional Information Statement RRS01 is included on your import or export declaration if your goods are being moved via a GVMS border location, otherwise the GMR will be invalid and your goods will be delayed.
If you do not do this, you will be unable to board the vessel.

HMRC continues to undertake a wide variety of engagement activity with stakeholders to ensure they understand the new obligations and processes which will be in place.
Register for GVMS and find out how to move goods through ports that use the service.

Additional useful information can also be found in the attached HMRC guidance note.

Carriers are recommended to use transit procedure (such as TIR) in order to move the goods from / to UK, as using transit facilitates submission of information in GVMS.

Sources: FNTR, Logistics UK, HMRC

28.12.2021

Germany - United Kingdom

COVID-19 Update: Mandatory PCR testing for HGVB and coach drivers entering Germany from the UK

If you are in England for less than 10 days, you need to quarantine for the time you are here. You need to book day 2 and day 8 PCR tests. You only need to take the tests if you are still in England on those days.

If the test result is positive

If your day 2 test is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 full days. The day you took the test is day 0.

You do not need to take the day 8 test if your day 2 test is positive. If your day 2 test is negative, you must take your day 8 test.

If your day 8 test is positive, you must self-isolate for 10 full days. The day you took the day 8 test is day 0.

If the test result is negative

If your day 2 test is negative, you must continue to quarantine.

You must take your day 8 test on or after day 8.

If your day 8 test is negative, you can stop quarantine on whichever is later:

- day 10 – day 0 is the day you arrived in England
- when you receive the day 8 test result

Example

If you receive your day 8 negative test result back on day 9, you must continue to quarantine until the end of day 10.

If you receive your day 8 negative test result back on day 12, you must quarantine until the end of day 12.

If the test result is unclear

If the result of your day 2 test is unclear, you must self-isolate for 10 full days. The day you took the test is day 0.

If the result of your day 8 test is negative, you can stop self-isolating on whichever is later:

- day 10 - day 0 is the day you arrived in England
- the day you received the negative day 8 test result

If your day 8 test is unclear, you must self-isolate for 10 full days. The day you took the day 8 test is day 0.

You can choose to take another private test. If that test result is a negative result, you can stop self-isolating on whichever is later:

- day 10 - day 0 is the day you arrive in England
- the day you received the negative replacement test result from the additional test

Test to Release scheme

If you need to quarantine, you may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private COVID-19 test through the Test to Release scheme.

Red list countries

There are different rules if you have been in a red list country in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

Check which countries and territories are on the red list and read the red list rules.

Travelling with children

The rules for travel to England are changing from 11 February 2022.

The UK Government has advised that a PCR testing site has been set up at Doncaster North, for those drivers heading directly into Germany from Immingham to Cuxhaven. It is ONLY for this routing.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-coronavirus-covid-19-test-if-youre-an-hgv-or-van-driver

Testing and quarantine for travel to Germany

HGVB and coach drivers entering Germany from the UK need to present a negative COVID-19 test result. This must be a PCRB test taken in the 48 hours before entry to Germany.

HGVB and coach drivers do not need to quarantine on arrival in Germany if they either:

have spent less than 72 hours in the UK

will spend less than 72 hours in Germany

They MUST have the EC International Workers certificate HERE

See FCDO - travel advice for more information about testing and quarantine requirements for Germany.

From 29 December, free PCR tests will be available at the Doncaster North haulier advice site. These tests will only be available to drivers using the DIRECT ferry service between Immingham and Cuxhaven.

The RHA has requested more details in relation to getting the PCR test at Doncaster. Eg: How long does it take for the results to come through?T his has not been indicated in the above announcement.

Source: RHAB

16.12.2021

France - United Kingdom

New measures applying to passengers coming from and going to the UK

From Saturday 18 December 2021, the following rules will apply to all **people travelling from the United Kingdom, whether or not they are vaccinated**:
- Both non-vaccinated and vaccinated people will be required to have a compelling reason to travel to or from the UK.B The detailed list of compelling reasons is available here. Being French is a compelling reason to return to France. French peoplebs partners (spouses, PACS partners or cohabiting partners (on presentation of proof of cohabitation)) and their children will still be able to travel to France.
- Mandatory testing before entering France (PCR or antigenic test taken no more than 24 hours before arriving).
- Mandatory registration before entering France. Travellers should declare their address in France and isolate at this address. Isolation measures can be lifted after 48h if the traveller can present a negative PCR or antigenic test.
Note that the digital platform is not available yet.

Road transport is part of the compelling reasons. Professional drivers are exempt from testing and isolation measures. Previous requirements (declaration, attestation) still apply (see here).

Children aged 4 and under do not have to take any COVID-19 travel tests.

Children aged 5 to 17 have to follow the testing and quarantine rules for people who qualify as fully vaccinated on arrival in England.

This means that they have to take a COVID-19 test after they arrive in England – before the end of day 2 at the latest.

Check the rules in this guidance for people who qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to England for more details.

You should also check the rules in the country you are travelling from as they may require children to take a test at the start of your journey to England.

There are different rules for children who have been in a red list country or territory in the 10 days before they arrive in England.

Medical and work-related exemptions

Some people cannot be fully vaccinated for medical reasons.

Read more about medical exemptions from vaccination.

There are also medical exemptions from:

- testing before travel to England
- quarantine for people having medical treatment

Some people are exempt from some or all of the requirements because of the job they do.

Transiting through England

Read separate guidance if you are transiting through England as part of an international journey.

Ireland, the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

If you're travelling to England from within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, you do not need to:

- complete a passenger locator form
- take any COVID-19 tests
- quarantine on arrival in England

This only applies if you have not been outside of the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the 10 days before the day you arrive in England. If you have, you must follow the international travel rules in the place where you arrive.

See separate guidance on travel within the Common Travel Area after international travel.

Red list countries and territories

There are different rules if you have been in a red list country or territory in the 10 days before you arrive in England. If you need to follow red list rules, you must do so if you are fully vaccinated or not.

Check which countries and territories are on the red list and read the red list rules.

Travel abroad from England

Read guidance about what you need to do to travel abroad from England.

Published 22 June 2021
Last updated 24 January 2022 + show all updates

Source: AFTRI

08.12.2021

New Covid-19 Safer Transport Guidance and Toolkit

Following the introduction of new temporary measures in England to slow the arrival and spread of the Covid-19 Omicron variant, the UK government prepared different guidance and assets to help passengers and commercial drivers in their transport activities.

Updated Safer Transport guidance:B
- Guidance for passengers
- Guidance for operators
- Guidance for taxis and phvs

Source: DfT

06.12.2021

COVID-19 Update new conditions for passengers coming from the UK

Conditions applicable to passengers coming from the UK were slightly soften today.

- People vaccinated need to present a PCR or antigenic test taken no more than 48 hours before arriving,
- People not vaccinated need to present a PCR or antigenic test taken no more than 24 hours before arriving.

(Previous rule: everyone, being vaccinated or not, must present a PCR or antigenic test taken no more than 24 hours before arriving.) Other measures published earlier today remain the same.

Source: AFTRI

29.11.2021

COVID-19 Update - UK Inbound Testing Requirements for freight workers

Following announcement over the weekend about the reintroduction of COVID testing requirements when entering the UK, notification has been received from the DfT, that **freight workers who are actively engaged in freight movements will remain exempted from PCR testing**, **but will continue to follow the mandatory lateral flow testing requirements** that have been in place.

Reminder:

08.08.2021

Department for Transport and Department of Health and Social Care

Applies to:England (see guidance for Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland)

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Stay up-to-date

The risk posed by individual countries and territories is continuously monitored and the green, amber and red lists are reviewed every 3 weeks.

Countries and territories can be moved between lists if conditions change. Sign up for an email alert to be notified when this page is updated.

What you must do when you arrive in England from abroad depends on where you have been in the 10 days before you arrive.

This page lists countries and territories as red, amber or green and tells you what you must do if you have been in those countries or territories.

You can also read an overview of all the things you need to do to:

- travel abroad from England
- travel to England if you live in another country

Red list of countries and territories

Read the rules for red list countries and territories.

You should not travel to red list countries or territories.

Red list	Upcoming changes to the red list
Afghanistan	
Angola	
Argentina	

A **FULLY** vaccinated driver arriving in the UK and staying for more than 2 days will be required to take and report a lateral flow test. More detailed information here.

UNVACCINATED drivers will need to continue to do the 3 tests in 10 days, using home testing kits and reporting findings.

Drivers who are travelling back and forth multiple times a week, so potentially are not in the UK for more than 2 days until they take their rest, should be testing every 3 days.

EU companies involved in UK cabotage operations and making use of the 14 day period for unlimited cabotage movement, should note that those drivers WILL need to test at least once (day 2) if fully vaccinated, and 3 times (day 2, day 5 & day 8) if not vaccinated and staying for the full period.

List of advice and information sites doing COVID-19 testing in the UK here.

Anyone getting a positive result MUST then comply with COVID restrictions.

It should also be noted that any drivers who are not actively working and been out of the country, but return from holidays or other personal visits will have to following tourist travel COVID requirements, meaning PCR testing etc. The driver exemption to use lateral flow tests will not apply under tourist travel, neither will the exemption not to have to do a UK Passenger Locator form, which active international drivers are exempt from doing now.

Source: RHA

23.11.2021

Haulier Covid-Testing: closure of 11 sites

The following haulier covid-testing sites will close from Friday 26 November:

- Barton Park

- Beaconsfield

- Birchanger Green

- Cornwall

- Ferrybridge

- Fleet Southbound

- Heywood

- Leicester Forest East Northbound

- Michaelwood

- Rotherham

- Tamworth

Alternative sites for hauliers to visit in order to get their Covid testB are listed in the document attached.

Source: Department for Transport

Bangladesh	
Bolivia	
Botswana	
Brazil	
Burundi	
Cape Verde	
Chile	
Colombia	
Congo (Democratic Republic)	
Costa Rica	
Cuba	
Dominican Republic	
Ecuador	
Egypt	
Eritrea	
Eswatini	
Ethiopia	
French Guiana	
Georgia	Moved to the red list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrive in England after then, you must follow the red list rules.
Guyana	
Haiti	
Indonesia	
Kenya	
Lesotho	
Malawi	
Maldives	
Mayotte	Moved to the red list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrive in England after then, you must follow the red list rules.
Mexico	Moved to the red list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrive in England after then, you must follow the red list rules.
Mongolia	
Mozambique	

22.11.2021

COVID-19 Update b Applicable rules in the UK

The UK Government has updated the requirements for non-vaccinated travellers arriving in England.B Quarantine requirements no longer apply for non UK residents for air crew, non-UK border officers, Bus and Coach drivers, Drivers of Goods Vehicles, Eurotunnel workers, Eurostar workers, international prison escorts, port workers.

Detailed information:

1. **1. Bus and coach drivers**

Before travel to England

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test before you travel to the UK.

You do not need to complete the passenger locator form.

After arrival in England b if fully vaccinated

You do not need to quarantine.

You must take a lateral flow device (LFD) test on or before day 2. If you are travelling internationally on a daily basis, you need to take an LFD test every 3 days.

After arrival in England b if not fully vaccinated

You do not need to quarantine.

If you are in England for longer than 2 days, you need to take a lateral flow test on or before days 2, 5 and 8 after your arrival.B If you are travelling every day, you must take a lateral flow test at least once every 3 days.

Evidence

You will need to show that your travel is part of your job, for example, a letter from your employer, a consignment note or your operatorbs licence.

Applies to:

Drivers of public service vehicles and other employees of PSV and community licence holders for the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus.

B

1. **2. Drivers of goods vehicles**

What you need to do when you travel to England depends if you:

-B qualify as fully vaccinated under an approved scheme or not

- have been in a red list country in the 10 days before you arrive in England

Before travel to England

You do not need to complete the passenger locator form.

You do not need to book COVID-19 tests to take on arrival in England.

After arrival in England - fully vaccinated

You are not required to isolate in-cab or quarantine.

Myanmar	
Namibia	
Nepal	
Oman	
Pakistan	
Panama	
Paraguay	
Peru	
Philippines	
Réunion	Moved to the red list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrive in England after then, you must follow the red list rules.
Rwanda	
Seychelles	
Sierra Leone	
Somalia	
South Africa	
Sri Lanka	
Sudan	
Suriname	
Tanzania	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tunisia	
Turkey	
Uganda	
Uruguay	
Venezuela	
Zambia	
Zimbabwe	

Red list rules

What you must do if you have been in a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

If you have been in a country or territory on the red list in the last 10 days you will only be allowed to enter the UK if you are a British or Irish National, or you have residence rights in the UK.

You must follow these rules even if you have been fully vaccinated.

If you are staying in England longer than 2 days you will need to take a test on or before day 2.B If you are travelling every day, you must take a test at least once every 3 days.

After arrival in England - not fully vaccinated

Applies if you do not qualify as fully vaccinated and have not been in a red list country (except those listed below) in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

You are not required to isolate in-cab or quarantine.

If you are staying in England longer than 2 days you will need to take a test on or before day 2, between days 3 and 5 and between days 6 and 8.B If you are travelling every day, you must take a test at least once every 3 days.

Evidence

You will need to show that your travel is part of your job, for example a letter from your employer, a consignment note or your operatorbs licence.

Applies to:

Drivers of goods vehicles and other employees of community licence holders for the international carriage of goods.

Source: CTP

16.11.2021

Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) - Leaflet detailing new rules

United Kingdom - European Union

HMRC have just published leaflets for hauliers that move goods between the European Union and Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales), explaining the new rules they need to follow from 1 January 2022, and how to prepare for these changes.

The leaflet is available in 10 alternative languages in this link.

Source: HMRC (UK Customs)

02.11.2021

Temporary Extension to Cabotage in Great Britain

UK DfT introduced a temporary extension to cabotage rules, which, following legislative changes came into effect on 28 October 2021.

The temporary additional cabotage rights being permitted will run for six months to 30 April 2022, and allow cabotage:

- within Great Britain (the exemption does not apply in Northern Ireland);

- for a period of 14 days, with the first day being when a laden entry into the United Kingdom was made, with no limitation during that period on the number of cabotage journeys permitted;

- to be undertaken by operators from any country, irrespective of whether they are in the EU, or covered by an ECMT or bilateral permit arrangement.

More information can be found in this policy paper published on gov.uk and in the open letter attached.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test – children aged 10 and under do not need to take this test
- book a quarantine hotel package, including 2 COVID-19 tests
- complete a passenger locator form

On arrival in England

On arrival in England you must:

- quarantine in a managed hotel, including 2 COVID-19 tests

Amber list of countries and territories

Read the rules for amber list countries and territories.

Amber list	Upcoming changes to the amber list
Akrotiri and Dhekelia	
Albania	
Algeria	
Andorra	
Armenia	
Aruba	
Azerbaijan	
The Bahamas	
Bahrain	Moved to the amber list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the red list rules.
Belarus	
Belgium	
Belize	
Benin	
Bhutan	
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	
British Virgin Islands	
Burkina Faso	
Cambodia	



Source: UK DfT

UK PASSENGER LOCATOR FORM – DRIVERS – NO LONGER REQUIRED

Road transport drivers NO LONGER have to complete the UK Passenger Locator Form, when arriving into the UK. This only applies when drivers are actively engaged in freight or passenger movements, and evidence of that activity may be asked for.

Drivers returning from holiday, or other types of work, will still have to do the form.

Inbound COVID lateral flow test WILL still be required. The number depends on whether the driver is fully vaccinated or not.

Detailed information available here, and explained below:

1. Drivers of goods vehicles

What you need to do when you travel to England depends if you:

- qualify as fully vaccinated under an approved scheme or not

- have been in a red list country in the 10 days before you arrive in England

Before travel to England

You do not need to complete the passenger locator form.

You do not need to book COVID-19 tests to take on arrival in England.

After arrival in England - fully vaccinated

You are not required to isolate in-cab or quarantine.

If you are staying in England longer than 2 days you will need to take a test on or before day 2.

If you are travelling every day, you must take a test at least once every 3 days.

After arrival in England - not fully vaccinated

Applies if you do not qualify as fully vaccinated and have not been in a red list country (except those listed below) in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

Cameroon	
Canada	
Central African Republic	
Chad	
China	
Comoros	
Congo	
Cook Islands, Tokelau and Niue	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Curaçao	
Cyprus	
Czech Republic (Czechia)	
Denmark	
Djibouti	
El Salvador	
Equatorial Guinea	
Estonia	
Fiji	
Finland	
France	
French Polynesia	
Gabon	
The Gambia	
Ghana	
Greece (including islands)	
Greenland	
Guadeloupe	
Guatemala	
Guinea	
Guinea-Bissau	
Honduras	
Hungary	

You must isolate away from other people in your cab during the time you are working in England. If you are a UK resident, you are not required to quarantine while not working. If you are a non-UK resident, you must quarantine whilst not working.

You are required to continue to test during this time.

If you are staying in England longer than 2 days, you will need to take a test on or before day 2, between days 3 and 5 and between days 6 and 8.

If you are travelling every day, you must take a test at least once every 3 days.

Red list rules

Applies if you have been in a red list country in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

You need to quarantine in a government approved hotel.

Evidence

You will need to show that your travel is part of your job, for example a letter from your employer, a consignment note or your operator's licence.

Applies to:

Drivers of goods vehicles and other employees of community licence holders for the international carriage of goods.

2. Bus and coach drivers

Before travel to England

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test before you travel to the UK.

You do not need to complete the passenger locator form.

After arrival in England – if fully vaccinated

You do not need to quarantine.

You must take a lateral flow device (LFD) test on or before day 2. If you are travelling internationally on a daily basis, you need to take an LFD test every 3 days.

After arrival in England – if not fully vaccinated

If you live in the UK you do not need to quarantine.

If you live overseas, you must quarantine in your accommodation for 10 days while in England, except while you are undertaking the exempt activity.

If you are in England for longer than 2 days, you need to take a mandatory workplace, community or home take a lateral flow device (LFD) test on or before days 2, 5 and 8 after your arrival.

If you are travelling every day, you must take a lateral flow test at least once every 3 days.

Source: RHA

20.09.2021

Reminder: Changes from October 2021 when entering the UK - ID Cards will not be accepted

India	Moved to the amber list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the red list rules.
Iran	
Iraq	
Italy	
Jamaica	
Japan	
Jordan	
Kazakhstan	
Kiribati	
Kosovo	
Kuwait	
Kyrgyzstan	
Laos	
Lebanon	
Liberia	
Libya	
Liechtenstein	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Macao	
Madagascar	
Malaysia	
Mali	
Marshall Islands	
Martinique	
Mauritania	
Mauritius	
Micronesia	
Moldova	
Monaco	
Montenegro	
Morocco	

From October 2021, anyone arriving into the UK **must use a passport.** ID cards will no longer be accepted (except under certain circumstances). See attached.

EU Drivers who have been using ID cards when entering the UK will now have to use a passport.



Sources: RHA and Home Office

17.09.2021

UK changes in timetable for the introduction of custom-related controls

The UK Government announced further changes in the timetable for the gradual introduction of full customs checks following the UK leaving the EU.

Full customs declarations and controls will be introduced on 1 January 2022 as previously announced. Safety and security declarations will now not be required until 1 July 2022.

Under the revised timetable:

- The requirements for pre-notification of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) goods, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 January 2022.
- The new requirements for Export Health Certificates, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Phytosanitary Certificates and physical checks on SPS goods at Border Control Posts, due to be introduced on 1 January 2022, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Safety and Security declarations on imports will be required as of 1 July 2022 as opposed to 1 January 2022. Full customs declarations and controls will be introduced on 1 January 2022 as previously announced. Nothing changes for the Safety and Security declarations for exports.

Further information can be found here.

Source: UK Government – Cabinet Office

06.09.2021

Travelling between the UK and Ireland, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey

Nauru	
Netherlands	
New Caledonia	
Nicaragua	
Niger	
Nigeria	
North Korea	
North Macedonia	
The Occupied Palestinian Territories	
Palau	
Papua New Guinea	
Poland	
Portugal (including the Azores)	Madeira is on the green watchlist.
Qatar	Moved to the amber list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the red list rules.
Russia	
Samoa	
San Marino	
Sao Tome and Principe	
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	
Serbia	
Solomon Islands	
South Korea	
South Sudan	
Spain, including the Canary Islands and the Balearic Islands (Formentera, Ibiza, Mallorca, Menorca)	
St Kitts and Nevis	
St Lucia	
St Maarten	
St Martin and St Barthélemy	

United Kingdom - European Union

As already announced, the use of EU, EEA and Swiss national identity cards as travel documents to enter the UK will be phased out from 1 October, due to concerns about their security.

However, government remains committed to protecting the Common Travel Area (CTA) between the UK and Ireland, Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey – both the rights of British and Irish citizens in one another's states, and also as a travel zone, with the minimum number of restrictions on passengers possible.

Details of the documents that people will be required to present when entering the UK from another part of the CTA can be found here.

Source: UK Department for Transport

UK country identifier stickers

From the 28th September 2021, all UK vehicles travelling into Europe will be required to display a **UK** country ID sticker with a Union flag.

On or after 28 September 2021
You will need to display a UK sticker clearly on the rear of your vehicle if your number plate has any of the following:

- a GB identifier with the Union flag (also known as the Union Jack)

- a Euro symbol

- a national flag of England, Scotland or Wales

- numbers and letters only - no flag or identifier

If your number plate includes the UK identifier with the Union flag (also known as the Union Jack), you do not need a UK sticker.
If you're in Spain, Cyprus or Malta, you must display a UK sticker no matter what is on your number plate.
If you have a GB sticker, cover or remove it.

Detailed information available here.

Source: RHA

18.08.2021

Roadwork - M20 Sittingbourne Interchange East Overbridge Junction 7

Roadwork will take place on the bridge which carries the A249 road over the M20 motorway. This may affect road users who cross from the M2 down to the M20 using the A249, to then head towards London.

This work is scheduled to take place **overnight from Sunday 22 August 2021 until the morning of Monday 6 September**. Please note that no works will take place over the bank holiday weekend from Friday 27 August until Monday 30 August. The bridge will be closed to all public vehicles during these dates **between 8.00pm and 6.00am**.

The below diversion routes will be in place:

- Motorway traffic - via M20 junction 8 and back to M20 junction 7 (approx 7 miles)

- Non-motorway traffic - via Pilgrims Way, The Street, Hockers Lane, Bearsted Road

St Pierre and Miquelon	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	
Sweden	
Switzerland	
Syria	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Tonga	
Turkmenistan	
Tuvalu	
Ukraine	
United Arab Emirates	Moved to the amber list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the red list rules.
United States (USA)	
Uzbekistan	
Vanuatu	
Vietnam	
Wallis and Futuna	
Western Sahara	
Yemen	

The amber list is not exhaustive. If a country or territory is not on this list, you should not assume that it is a green or red list country or territory. Countries and territories are only green or red if they appear on the green or red list.

Countries moving to the red list

If conditions change in a country or territory, it can be moved from the amber list to the red list. If there is a sudden change in conditions, a country or territory may be moved between lists without warning.

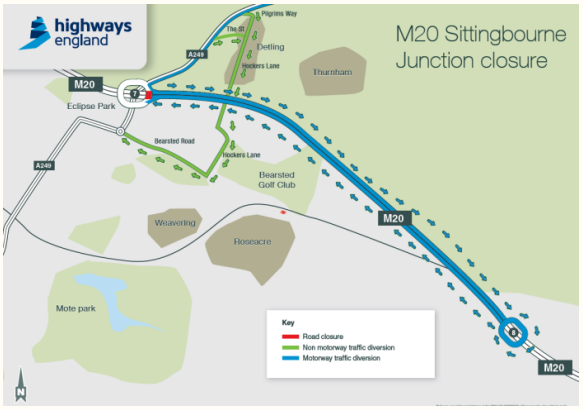
Amber list rules

What you must do if you have been in a country or territory on the amber list in the 10 days before you arrive in England.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

HGV drivers should note that the non-motorway traffic diversion is NOT suitable for large vehicles, unless there is a need to deliver along that route, so the motorway diversion route that directs traffic to junction 8 should be used.



Source: RHA

12.08.2021

UK HMRC - Inland Border Facility - Sevington

The UK Department for Transport informed of several instances of HGVs wrongly going in Mersham village or nearby residential road in Kent near the Port of Dover / Eurotunnel, when attempting to travel to Sevington Inland Border Facility.

To rectify this, the Department for Transport have created a digital leaflet in 14 languages.

The leaflets includes the correct address for Sevington Inland Border Facility, Do's and Don'ts for getting there, a map, coordinates and what3words.

Please find attached all the translated version of the leaflet (and you can scan each of them to bring up other translations).

sevingtonlocationen.pdf

- take a COVID-19 test – you must take the test in the 3 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for COVID-19 tests – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete a passenger locator form

You must do these things whether you are fully vaccinated or not.

On arrival in England

If you are fully vaccinated

After arrival in England you must take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2.

This applies if you're fully vaccinated under either:

- the UK vaccination programme
- the UK vaccine programme overseas
- an approved vaccination programme in Europe or the USA - not all are recognised in England

Find out how to prove you are fully vaccinated, which European countries this applies to and approved vaccination programmes for Europe and the USA.

It also applies if you are:

- taking part in an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial in the UK or the USA
- under 18 and resident in the UK, a UK Overseas Territory, the USA or one of the specified European countries

If you will be in England for less than 2 days you still need to book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test. You only need to take the test if you are still in England on day 2.

If you are not fully vaccinated

If you do not qualify under the fully vaccinated rules, on arrival in England you must:

- quarantine at home or in the place you are staying for 10 days
- take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8

Read about the fully vaccinated rules, quarantine and taking COVID-19 tests after arrival in England.

If you are in England for less than 10 days, you need to quarantine for the time you are here. You need to book day 2 and day 8 travel tests. You only need to take the tests if you are still in England.

France

The amber list rules for France changed 4am Sunday 8 August. The normal amber list rules now apply to France, including the rules for people who are fully vaccinated. If you arrived in England before 4am on Sunday 8 August, you must follow the rules that applied when you arrived.

Test to Release scheme

If you need to quarantine, you may be able to end quarantine early if you pay for a private COVID-19 test through the Test to Release scheme.

If you have been in a country or territory on the red list

Source: UK Department for Transport

08.07.2021

Reminder: Changes from October 2021 when entering the UK - ID Cards will not be accepted

From October 2021, anyone arriving into the UK **must use a passport.** ID cards will no longer be accepted (except under certain circumstances). See attached.

EU Drivers who have been using ID cards when entering the UK will now have to use a passport.



Source: RHA

21.06.2021

Reminder regarding customs formalities between the UK and the EU

Since January the 1st of 2021, customs formalities have been established again between the United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU).

Regarding the transit procedure, the UK has became a State-party to the Common transit convention (CTC). So, new rules are since applying to transit operations from and to this country.

The purpose of this note is to remind certain procedures that economic operators must implement when they lodge their transit declaration in the entrance or exit direction. Please find the note attached here.

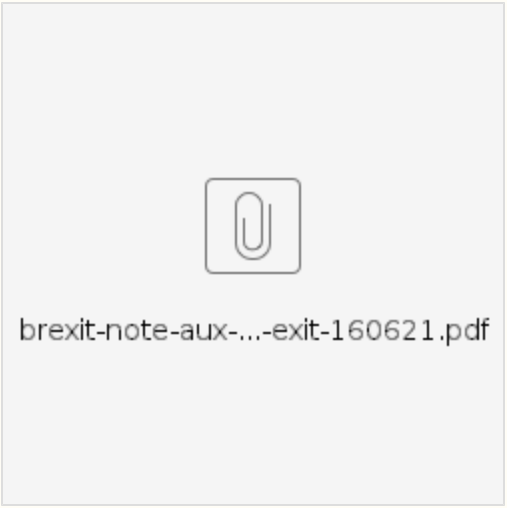
If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, you must follow the red list rules.

Read about making a transit stop in a red list country or territory.

Green list countries and territories

Read the rules for green list countries and territories.

Green list	Green watchlist and upcoming changes to the green list
Anguilla	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Antarctica /British Antarctic Territory	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Antigua and Barbuda	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Austria	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Australia	
Barbados	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Bermuda	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
British Indian Ocean Territory	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Brunei	
Bulgaria	
Cayman Islands	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Croatia	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Dominica	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Falkland Islands	
Faroe Islands	
Germany	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Gibraltar	
Grenada	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Hong Kong	·



Source: FNTR

20.05.2021

COVID-19 update: Hauliers travelling from or through Turkey exempted from entry ban

The latest announcement by the UK Prime Minister included that from 12 May 2021, Turkey has been added to the red-list of "high-risk" countries. Therefore any person who has been or transited through Turkey in the 10 days prior to arriving in England is now required to enter into the Managed Quarantine Service and be subject to the entry ban.

To reduce the risk of disruption at the borders and delays in supply chains UK Department for Transport have agreed to exempt hauliers from these measures. **Therefore, hauliers travelling from or through Turkey will not be subject to an entry ban or required to enter into the Managed Quarantine Service.**

They are however still required to measures already in place to manage the COVID-19 risk including adhering to the bespoke testing regulations and the requirement to isolate in the cab whilst working.

Source: UK Department for Transport

17.05.2021

Brexit update: Information on the use of an ID Card to enter the UK after 1 October 2021

The UK Home Office reminds that citizens from the EU (exception for Irish citizens), EEA and Switzerland will no longer be able to travel to the UK with an ID card **from 1 October 2021 onwards**, **including for professional drivers.**

More information can be found here.

Source: UK Department for Transport

29.03.2021

COVID-19 update: Bespoke testing regimes for exempt groups in the UK

Iceland	
Israel and Jerusalem	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Latvia	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Madeira	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber. Mainland Portugal and the Azores are on the amber list.
Malta	
Montserrat	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
New Zealand	
Norway	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Romania	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Singapore	
Slovakia	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
Slovenia	Moved to the green list 4am, Sunday 8 August. If you arrived in England before then, you must follow the amber list rules.
South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands	
St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha	
Taiwan	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.
Turks and Caicos Islands	**Green watchlist** – at risk of moving from green to amber.

Countries on the green watchlist or moving to amber

If conditions change in a country or territory, it can be moved from the green list to the amber or red list.

If a country or territory on the green list is at risk of moving to amber it will also be listed on the green watchlist.

If there is a sudden change in conditions, a country or territory may be moved between lists without warning.

From **6 April 2021,** all international arrivals must complete day 2 and 8 testing, or a bespoke testing regime for arrivals exempt from quarantine. Professional goods and passenger transport drivers have special regimes (see below for details).

Drivers of Goods Vehicles:

Travel from UK

You do not need to complete a declaration form for overseas travel.

Travel to UK

1. **Stay not longer than 48 hour**

- You need to complete the passenger locator form before you travel to the UK.

- You do not need to take a coronavirus test before you travel to the UK.

- You do not need to self-isolate or take a coronavirus test on day 2 and day 8, unless you have been in a country on the travel ban red list in the last 10 days.

2. Stay longer than 48 hours

- You need to take a mandatory workplace, community or home lateral flow device (LFD) test on or before days 2, 5 and 8 after your arrival.

- If you are travelling every day, you must take a lateral flow test at least once every 3 days.

- You do not need to book coronavirus tests before arrival in England.

- You must self-isolate in your cab during the time you are in England.

- You are able to leave your cab for essential purposes such aseating, seeking medical and emergency help, using wash facilities, ensuring your vehicle and load are roadworthy. If the cab does not have sleeping facilities, you may stay in a hotel or bed and breakfast accommodation. If you are a UK resident, you can self-isolate at home for 10 days while not working. You are still required to continue to test during this time

Bus and Coach Drivers:

Travel from UK

You do not need to complete a declaration form for overseas travel.

Travel to UK

1. **Stay not longer than 48 hour**

- You need to complete the passenger locator form before you travel to the UK if you travel in part of the vehicle that is accessible to any passenger for any part of the journey.

- Now, you need to take a coronavirus test before you travel to the UK. From 6 April, if you are in England for less than 2 days, you do not need to book tests before arrival.

2. Stay longer than 48 hours

- You need to book tests before travelling to England if you are staying for 3 days or longer.

- You need to take a coronavirus test on day 2 and day 8 after arrival in England

- If you are in England for less than 8 days, you must have booked a test for day 2 and take that test.

Green list rules

What you have to do if you travel to England from a country or territory on the green list. You must only have been in or travelled through a green list country or the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man in the previous 10 days.

You must follow these rules even if you have been fully vaccinated.

Before travel to England

Before you travel to England you must:

- take a COVID-19 test – you must take the test in the 3 days before you travel to England
- book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test – to be taken after arrival in England
- complete a passenger locator form

On arrival in England

After arrival in England you must take a COVID-19 test on or before day 2.

You do not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive.

Children aged 4 and under do not need to take this test.

If you will be in England for less than 2 days you still need to book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test. You only need to take the test if you are still in England on day 2.

You must quarantine if NHS Test & Trace informs you that you travelled to England with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have been in a country or territory on the red or amber list

If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the red list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, you must follow the red list rules.

If you have also been in or through a country or territory on the amber list in the 10 days before you arrive in England, and have not visited a country on the red list, you must follow the amber list rules.

Read about making a transit stop in an amber or red list country or territory.

Ireland, the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

You do not need to take a COVID-19 test or quarantine on arrival in England if you are travelling within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, (the Common Travel Area), and you have not been outside of the Common Travel Area in the previous 10 days.

Transit stops in amber or red list countries

When you arrive in England you need to follow the rules for the highest risk country or territory that you have been in or passed through in the previous 10 days. That can include transit stops.

- If you intend to stay for 8 days or longer, you must have booked tests for day 2 and day 8 and take those tests. You do not need to show evidence of booking tests when arriving in England. If you live in the UK you do not need to self-isolate. If you live overseas you must self-isolate in your accommodation while in England, except while you are undertaking the exempt activity.

Where can a driver get tested?

Access lateral flow tests will be available through:

- workplace testing, available to employers where employees cannot work from home

- community testing, by getting tested at local authority-run asymptomatic testing sites as well as NHS Test and Trace testing sites

- at home, by collecting lateral flow self-test kits at community sites or ordering test kits online or by dialling 119

- at a haulier advice site, if you are a HGV driver or operator

Source: UK Department of Transport

26.03.2021

Covid-19 update: Lorry operations at Manston to be suspended

Drivers using the Port of Dover **must no longer go to Manston,** they should use the M20 and use Sevington for any customs requirement, and for COVID testing if applicable. However, drivers should be getting testing before they arrive into Kent, if they have been delivering outside of the country.

Whilst there has been a change to the French requirement for testing, the UK may be introducing an inbound testing requirement, and therefore drivers are recommended to continue as they are.

Source: RHA

18.03.2021

COVID-19 update: Free COVID testing at Essex Arena

Free COVID testing for hauliers is still available at the many Information and Advice sites, including the newly opened Essex Arena site (A1306, Arterial Rd, Grays, Purfleet, RM19 1AE). The site is open 24/7, and will replace Thurrock Services for all haulier testing. Testing at Thurrock Information and Advice site will be suspended, but it will continue to offer free Border Readiness checks.

Head to the Essex Arena, or one of the other sites for a free COVID test before arriving in Kent to minimise delays. Please also follow any traffic management signs.

Source: UK Department for Transport

15.03.2021

Information on the new vehicle standards in London

On 1 March 2021, a new Safety Permit based on the Direct Vision Standard (DVS) came into force for all Heavy Goods Vehicles over 12 tonnes driving within Greater London.

A transit stop is a stop where passengers can get on or off the same part of the transport in which you are travelling. It can apply to ships, trains or flights. Your ticket should show if a stop is a transit stop.

The rules of a country or territory that you make a transit stop in could apply if:

- new passengers get on and are able to mix with you
- you or other passengers get off the transport you are on and mix with other people, then get on again

Making a transit stop would not affect what you have to do on arrival in England if, during the stop:

- no new passengers, who are able to mix with you, get on
- no-one on-board gets off and mixes with people outside
- passengers get off but do not get back on

Private vehicles or coaches travelling through amber or red list countries and territories

If you are travelling to England in a private vehicle, the rules of the countries and territories you drive through apply. For example, if you drive through an amber list country, then you must follow the amber list rules when you arrive in England.

This applies whether you stop in the country or territory or not. You need to record the countries and territories you drive through on your passenger locator form.

Transiting through airports in England

See what you need to do if you are transiting 'landside' or transiting 'airside' through England.

Job and medical exemptions

Some people are exempt from some or all of the requirements:

- because of the job they do
- for medical or compassionate reasons

Travelling abroad from England

Read an overview of all the things you need to do to:

- travel abroad from England
- travel to England if you live in another country

You should not travel to red list countries or territories.

Demonstrating your COVID-19 vaccination status when travelling abroad

An NHS COVID Pass shows your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination details or test results. This is your COVID-19 vaccination status.

You can use the NHS COVID Pass to prove your vaccination status when you:

- enter another country while travelling abroad
- return to England if you have been in an amber list c ountry or territory

The DVS operates in the same area as London's existing Low Emission Zone – ie most of greater London – 24 hours a day, every day of the year. HGVs not holding a permit, or in contravention of permit conditions, will be issued with a £550 fine (reduced to £275 if paid within 14 days) for each day the vehicle is driven within the DVS area.

These regulations apply to both UK vehicles and to foreign operators using vehicles registered outside the UK. Foreign operators can apply online in the same way as UK ones, though any accompanying statements must be in English.

Read more in the document attached.



Source : UK Department for Transport

09.03.2021

COVID-19 update: Testing at Manston and Easing Rules to enter the Netherlands

United Kingdom (9 March 2021)

Covid-19 testing at Manston

- From 21 March 2021, all haulier processing operations, including COVID testing for drivers, will be suspended at Manston Airport. Operation Brock is currently in place for Eurotunnel freight, and Port of Dover hauliers should continue to use Manston until 21 March.

- All HGVs will instead access the Operation Brock traffic management system between Junctions 8 and 9 on the M20 coastbound carriageway, with one lane being used for Eurotunnel and the other for the Port of Dover. Any HGVs that attempt to take an alternative route outside of Brock risk enforcement action being taken against them.

- Free COVID testing for drivers and crews is still available at one of the many Information and Advice sites, and Inland Border Facility checks will continue to be processed by Ashford Sevington, or one of the other sites across the country.

- Road goods transport companies, drivers and crews are strongly encouraged to get a negative COVID-19 test, to use the Check an HGV is Ready to Cross the Border service and get a valid Kent Access Permit before arriving in Kent to minimise delays. Please also follow any traffic management signs.

Please find attached an infographic depicting the above-said information.

Easing of restrictions on entering the Netherlands

Find out:

- about using the NHS COVID Pass to demonstrate your vaccination status
- if the countries or territories you are travelling to accept proof of COVID-19 vaccination status as part of their entry requirements
- how to prove your COVID-19 vaccination status if you are a resident of Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office travel advice

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) travel advice continues to advise against all non-essential travel to some countries and territories. Many other countries have rules in place about who can enter and what you can do when you are there. These rules are not related to which colour list that country is on. Before you travel, you should read FCDO travel advice for the countries you will visit.
Published 7 May 2021
Last updated 8 August 2021 + show all updates

Further information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#history

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01.07.2021

Recent and upcoming changes

International travel

You should not travel to red or amber list countries or territories. Some countries and territories will change status from 30 June. Check what you need to do to travel internationally.

In England

Step 3 restrictions remain in place. There is currently a 4-week pause at Step 3 of the roadmap and it is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July. From 21 June you can have more guests at weddings, civil partnerships and commemorative events following a funeral depending on venue capacity and how many can be safely accommodated with social distancing. Follow the guidance on what you can and cannot do.

All adults in England can now book COVID-19 vaccinations. Book your vaccinations on the NHS website.

In Scotland

Mainland Scotland and the Scottish islands not already in Level 0 will move to Level 0 on 19 July. Find out your area's level in Scotland on GOV.SCOT.

In Wales

You can now choose 2 other households to meet in your home, becoming an extended household. Up to 30 people can meet outside. From 21 June weddings, civil partnerships and wakes can take place in regulated venues that have carried out a risk assessment. Read the rules for Wales on GOV.WALES.

- From Tuesday 16 March 2021, hauliers returning to the Netherlands from the UK having spent less than 48hrs in the UK no longer require a Covid-19 test.

- This measure mirrors the one that was agreed with France on 21 February 2021.



Source: UK Department for Transport

23.02.2021

COVID-19 update: More details on testing requirements on return to France from UK/Ireland

France - United Kingdom

These people are exempted from testing on return to France (on presentation of a proof of the time spent in the UK/Ireland) :

- Professional drivers who have spent less than 48 hours in the UK.

- Professional drivers who have spent less than 48 hours in Ireland.

Several ferry companies as well as the tunnel shuttle already issue travel documents stamped with the date and time (at check-in for the tunnel, at embarkation or disembarkation). Other types of documents are under consideration.

This document must be presented on the return journey as a proof of exemption instead of the negative test result.

In addition, for border crossings between the UK and France, tests carried out in Ireland less than 72 hours before departure from the UK are accepted, in the same way as tests carried out in the UK.

The declaration on honour relating to the absence of symptoms and the absence of contact with a sick person (available here) is still required in any case.

An up-to-date decree can be found here (art.56-2) : https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000042475143

Source : DGITM/AFTRI

22.02.2021

COVID -19 update: Changes to haulier testing requirements

Changes to haulier testing requirements:

In Northern Ireland

Up to 6 people from 2 households can socialise indoors, including for overnight stays and up to 15 people from no more than 3 households can meet in a private garden. Find out more about what you can and cannot do in Northern Ireland on nidirect.

Travelling within England
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If you're in an area where the new COVID-19 variant (known as Delta) is spreading

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02.04.2021

Red list travel ban countries

If you have been in or through any of the countries listed below in the previous 10 days, you will be refused entry to the UK.

If you are a British or Irish National, or you have residence rights in the UK, you will be able to enter. You must quarantine in a government approved hotel for 10 days.

- Angola
- Argentina
- Bangladesh (will be added to the list 4am Friday 9 April)
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- French Guiana
- Guyana
- Kenya (will be added to the list 4am Friday 9 April)
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Oman
- Pakistan (will be added to the list 4am Friday 9 April)
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines (will be added to the list 4am Friday 9 April)
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Suriname
- Tanzania
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

As of 00.01 Monday 22 February 2021, COVID testing requirements for hauliers travelling from Europe to the UK via France are changing.

The testing requirement still remains in place, however there are two important changes to note:

- Drivers **on a return trip from the EU** who spend less than 48 hours in the UK will not require proof of a negative COVID test to cross the border

- Drivers from the Republic of Ireland using the land bridge can also now rely on a test taken in Ireland, as long as it is administered within 72 hours of departure from a UK port

To enable them to make use of the first exemption, cross-Channel operators will be ensuring hauliers are provided with evidence of the time of their journey to the UK. The precise arrangements will vary between operators and drivers should contact their operator direct if they require more details.

For UK hauliers or those spending more than 48 hours in the UK, the **testing requirements are unchanged.** Free testing remains available at the Information and Advice sites, which you can find here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locations

Source: UK Department of Transport

12.02.2021

COVID-19 update: New Covid-19 Testing Sites for Haulier and LGV drivers travelling to the EU via Kent

Three new sites will open for Covid-19 testing for hauliers and LGV drivers travelling to the EU via Kent. A negative Covid-19 test is required for travel to certain EU countries, including France. Hauliers are strongly encouraged to get tested before arriving in Kent to avoid delays.

The sites will open in the next week and are located at the following service stations:

- Birchanger: Old Dunmow Road, Bishops Stortford, CM23 5QZ

- Baldock: A1(M), 10, Radwell, Baldock SG7 5TR

- Cobham: 9/10 M25, Downside, Cobham KT11 3DB

Source: UK Department for Transport

05.02.2021

COVID-19 update: Information on free testing sites in the UK

The UK Department for Transport informs that free COVID-19 testing is available for drivers and crew of HGVs, LGVs, vans, and buses and coaches at the Department for Transport's advice sites marked here. It is reminded that professional coach drivers who are driving abroad for work can also take a free COVID-19 test at the sites.

Most sites are open between 06:00 hrs and 21:30 hrs, 7 days a week. Drivers and crew can:

- take a COVID-19 test, which they need to travel to some countries - see list for sites where testing is available

- find out about the rules and documents needed to move goods between theUKandEU by getting a border readiness check

Updates to the list

Any upcoming updates to list and updates that happened within the last 10 days.

Countries added to the list

Bangladesh, Kenya, Pakistan and Philippines will be added to the list 4am Friday 9 April.

If you arrive in the UK from these places before 4am Friday 9 April, you must self-isolate for 10 days in the place you're staying and take a COVID-19 test on day 2 and day 8. You are eligible for the Test to Release scheme.

If you arrive in the UK from these places after 4am Friday 9 April, you must stay in your quarantine hotel for your 10-day quarantine period and take a COVID-19 test on day 2 and day 8.

Recent and upcoming changes

Restrictions are easing across the UK.

In England

The roadmap out of lockdown has begun. From 29 March, the 'stay at home' rule ended - and up to 6 people or 2 households can meet outside. Shielding ended on 31 March.

In Scotland

People will be asked to 'Stay Local' from 2 April. A timetable for further lockdown easing from 5 April is on GOV.SCOT.

In Wales

The stay local restriction was lifted on 27 March. It is illegal to travel in or out of Wales without a reasonable excuse, such as work. Holiday accommodation open for people living in Wales only. Read about the rules on GOV.WALES.

In Northern Ireland

The next review will happen on or before 15 April. You can read the guidance on current restrictions on nidirect.

11.02.2021

From 15 February

If you arrive in England from a country on the travel ban list (sometimes called the 'red list') you'll need to self-isolate in a quarantine hotel for at least 10 days. Before you travel, you'll need to book and pay for your hotel room and 2 COVID-19 tests to take during your stay.

If you're coming from a country not on the banned travel list, you'll need to self-isolate at home for 10 days and book 2 COVID-19 tests.

Entry ban on travel from red list countries

If you have been in or through any country on the travel ban red list in the previous 10 days, you will be refused entry to the UK.

- get help using the Check an HGV / Apply for a Kent Access Permit (KAP) service

Source: UK Department for Transport

02.02.2021

COVID-19 update: Test and follow up procedures for drivers in the UK

The UK Department for Transport reminds that, if a non-UK based driver test positive for COVID-19, he/she will need to self-isolate in the UK for ten days.

Certain important elements regarding the same are:

- Hauliers and exporters of goods travelling from the UK to France, Denmark, or the Netherlands are required to provide a negative test result in order to cross the border.

- The requirements for each country should be checked before travel.

- Alternative arrangements may need to be organised for cargo in the event that a driver tests positive for COVID-19. In this situation, a driver would need to isolate for 10 days (e.g. in a UK hotel) and will be unable to cross the border.

- If a driver needs to isolate for 10 days, it is advised to consider the arrangement of how the onward consignment or retrieval of goods shall take place. (e.g. arrange to collect or store vehicles or trailers).

Source: UK Department for Transport

29.01.2021

COVID-19 update: HGV drivers encouraged to take COVID test before arrival in Kent

The UK Department for Transport reminds that drivers who are heading to the Port Dover or Eurotunnel are encouraged to get a negative COVID test before arriving in Kent if they can, to help minimise disruption in Kent. A negative COVID test remains valid for entry to France for 72 hours, so **a test should be done before or at the start of the journey.**

- Almost **40** Information and Advice sites across the country offer **fr ee testing** – drivers should head to the closest one.

- Sites are open 7 days a week with the majority offering testing between 6:00 and 21:30

- **75%** of all COVID testing sites have **very low waiting times** and can therefore process a **test within an hour.**

- Sites **nearer to Kent** are **busy** and drivers may **experience delays.** Drivers should **not** wait to reach Kent to get tested.

Any driver heading to the EU via Kent must also have a valid Kent Access Permit (KAP). Each permit is valid for 24 hours.

Source: UK Department for Transport

25.01.2021

Covid-19 Update: Working hours of the haulier advice centres in the UK have been updated

If you are a British or Irish National, or you have residence rights in the UK, you will be able to enter. You must quarantine in a government approved hotel for 10 days. You cannot use the Test to Release scheme.

- Angola
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- French Guiana
- Guyana
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores)
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- Suriname
- Tanzania
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Travel within the UK

- Follow the national lockdown travel rules
- How to travel safely if you're walking, cycling, in a car or on public transport

International travel

- International travel is restricted: check coronavirus travel advice
- Entering or returning to the UK
- How to self-isolate when you travel to England before 15 February
- How to quarantine when you arrive in England on or after 15 February
- Booking a stay and tests in a quarantine hotel
- Testing for people travelling to England
- Reduce self-isolation time after travel by paying for a test

Coronavirus testing before travel to the UK

You must have proof of a negative coronavirus test to enter the UK. Read about:

- coronavirus testing for people travelling to England
- coronavirus testing for people travelling to Northern Ireland
- coronavirus testing for people travelling to Scotland
- coronavirus testing for people travelling to Wales

The UK Government, has updated the opening times of some of its haulier advice sites. Haulier advice sites that previously closed at 10:00 pm will now close at 9:30 pm. This is to allow COVID tests to be completed by 10:00 pm. Most haulier advice sites are open between 6:00 am and 9.30 pm, 7 days a week.

Full details of haulier advice site opening hours and locations can be found here.

Source: UK Department of Transport

19.01.2021

Covid-19 Update : Constraints in the capacity of Inland Border Facilities in the UK

United Kingdom

The site at Waterbrook is facing capacity constraints. Drivers and hauliers must, where possible, be **'border ready'** before arriving in Kent using sites at Birmingham and Warrington. Further, sites at Ebbsfleet and North Weald continue to operate below capacity.

HMRC's inland border facility app shows when facilities are busy, so hauliers are aware if delays are possible or expected. This app is available on Google Play and in the Apple Store. Further guidance on Inland Border Facilities in the UK can be found here.

Source: UK Government

Covid-19 Update : Testing for drivers travelling by ferry to the Netherlands from UK

Netherlands (the) - United Kingdom

From **00.01 Tuesday 19 January 2021**, all drivers travelling from the UK to the Netherlands by ferry will be required to show evidence of a negative lateral flow test obtained within 24 hours of boarding a service departing for a Dutch port. As part of the support to hauliers and to ensure goods and people can continue to flow, free testing is already available at 35 Information & Advice sites(I&A) across the UK, where hauliers and drivers can also get support with documentation requirements. Alternatively, hauliers and drivers can get an authorised negative COVID test from a private testing facility and firms may have their own arrangements.

Hauliers travelling to all ports are able to use these I&A sites, including those making onward journeys to the Netherlands. To avoid delays, drivers and crew of HGVs, and drivers of LGVs and vans must get tested before they arrive at their port of departure.

Source: UK Department for Transport

15.01.2021

Covid-19 Update: Bus and Coach Drivers removed from the list of exemptions for mandatory testing when entering UK

In an updated information, it is learnt that **Bus and Coach Drivers** are no longer included in the list of exempted professions that do not need a mandatory testing when entering the UK.

This means drivers **need to take a test**, though they **do not need to self-isolate**. More detailed guidance on this can be found here.

Revised list is as follows.

- **Hauliers**

- Border and customs officials

12.10.2020

Local COVID alert levels: what you need to know

Information on local COVID alert levels, including what they mean, why they are being introduced and what the different levels are.

From: Department of Health and Social Care

Applies to :England (see guidance for Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland)

Contents

What local COVID alert levels mean
Why the government is introducing local COVID alert levels
Local COVID alert level: medium
Local COVID alert level: high
Local COVID alert level: very high

What local COVID alert levels mean

Local COVID alert levels set out information for local authorities, residents and workers about what to do and how to manage the outbreak in their area.

Find out what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in each local COVID alert level.

Check the local COVID alert level of your local area to see which level applies to you.

Why the government is introducing local COVID alert levels

The government is committed to ensuring the right levels of intervention in the right places to manage outbreaks. Working with local authorities through the contain framework, our approach has been simplified so that there are now 3 local COVID alert levels.

Local COVID alert level: medium

This is for areas where national restrictions continue to be in place.

This means:

- Channel tunnel system workers

- Defence personnel, visiting forces and government contractors

- Air, maritime and rail crew

- Civil aviation inspectors

- People transporting human cells and blood products

- Seamen and masters and inspectors and surveyors of ships

- Specialist technical workers doing emergency works

Source: UK Department of Transport

Covid-19 Update : Procedure for Covid Positive Drivers in UK - Update

Drivers who are tested positive can travel to the accommodation in their own vehicle and parking is available at the hotel site.

Trailers or vehicles can then be collected from there.

Note - As informed by DfT, it will be appreciated if the trailers can be removed, as the parking space is limited.

Source - UK Department of Transport

14.01.2021

Covid-19 Update : Compulsory test for anyone travelling from UK to the Netherlands

United Kingdom - Netherlands (the)

Travellers from the United Kingdom and South Africa who want to travel to the Netherlands by plane or ferry will soon have to undergo a corona rapid test at the airport or ferry terminal before they leave.

The Dutch government has stated that a negative PCR test is not mandatory.

However, **a negative result of a rapid test not older than 72 hours is obligatory!**

The obligation will ***also apply to truck drivers*** and the crew of ferries and aeroplanes.

The measure is intended to prevent the spread of the new variants of the coronavirus in the Netherlands.

According to the Ministry, the measure will enter into force **15th of January, 2021 00:00h.**

The UK government's website lists the locations where transport drivers can get tested free of charge.

A list of private testing facilities where professional drivers can get tested is also published.

The compulsory rapid test already applies to passengers travelling by train from the UK to Netherlands and to drivers using the tunnel between Dover and Calais.

The Netherlands is joining forces with France and Belgium to prevent the import of virus variants from the UK.

Further read : https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2021/01/13/rapid-test-compulsory-for-people-entering-the-netherlands-from-the-uk-ireland-and-south-africa

- you must not socialise in groups larger than 6, indoors or outdoors (other than where a legal exemption applies)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, subject to the rule of 6
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors, or indoors if the rule of 6 is followed

You must:

- wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- when travelling, plan ahead or avoid busy times and routes. Walk or cycle if you can

Find out more about the measures that apply in medium alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Local COVID alert level: high

This is for areas with a higher level of infections where some additional restrictions are in place.

This means on top of restrictions in alert level medium:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with, or for youth or disability sport
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible

You must:

Source : TLN

Covid-19 Update: Brexit - Guidance on French customs procedures

United Kingdom - France

With the picking up of the traffic between the EU and the UK, the French competent authorities wish to remind all economic operators, including road goods transport companies that all relevant import/export and other formalities such as documentation for sanitary and phytosanitary controls should be ready before arriving at the border in order to guarantee traffic fluidity as much as possible.

It has been noted that the passage of some vehicles has been slowed down because too many customs documents were scanned in the system which rendered all provided information unreadable. Guidance on which documents to scan and which not to scan can be found attached.

Further guidance on French customs procedures will be posted on **douane.gouv.fr** in French and English.



Source: French government/AFTRI

Covid-19 Update: Exemptions from mandatory testing when entering UK

People doing the following jobs do not need to take a test when entering UK.

- **Hauliers**

- Bus and Coach Drivers

- Border and customs officials

- Channel tunnel system workers

- Defence personnel, visiting forces and government contractors

- Air, maritime and rail crew

- Civil aviation inspectors

- People transporting human cells and blood products

- Seamen and masters and inspectors and surveyors of ships

- Specialist technical workers doing emergency works

- wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport

Find out more about the measures that apply in high alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Local COVID alert level: very high

This is for areas with a very high level of infections and where tighter restrictions are in place. The restrictions placed on areas with a very high level of infections can vary, and are based on discussions between central and local government. You should therefore check the specific rules in your area.

At a minimum, this means:

- you must not socialise with anybody you do not live with, or have formed a support bubble with, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space such as a park or beach, the countryside, a public garden or a sports venue
- pubs and bars must close. They can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal. They may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, but household mixing is not permitted
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees. However, wedding receptions are not allowed
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with), or for youth or disability sport
- you should try to avoid travelling outside the very-high alert level area you are in or entering a very-high alert level area, other than for things like work, education or youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if you are travelling through as part of a longer journey
- you should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if you are resident in a very-high alert level area, or avoid staying overnight in a very-high alert level area if you are resident elsewhere

You must:

- wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but aim to reduce the number of journeys you make

This is the baseline in very-high alert level areas. The government will also seek to agree additional interventions in consultation with local authorities, in order to drive down transmission of the virus. These could include the following options:

Read more here.

Source: UK Department of Transport

Covid-19 Update: Procedure and treatment of Covid positive drivers in UK

- Following the Lateral Flow Test (quick), if positive, the drivers then have to take a PCR test which is not so quick.

- This is conducted onsite (in the car park) and there is a wait of 24-36 hours (it is getting better/quicker) for the result.

- During this time the driver is isolated in their cab as only a small percentage of the 2nd tests are recorded positive.

- Following the PCR test Negative result drivers are sent on their way and Positive result drivers are escorted to the hotel.

- Whilst at the hotel (10 days mandatory isolation) accommodation, food and in some instances heath costs are all met by the UK Government.

Source: UK Department of Transport/RHA

13.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Road haulage drives are exempted from mandatory testing when entering UK

We confirm that, according to the UK rules on mandatory COVID-19 testing when entering the UK (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mandatory-covid-19-testing-introduced-to-bolster-border-measures), **road haulage drivers are EXEMPTED from mandatory testing.**

Source: UK Department of Transport(DfT)/RHA

12.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak: All UK passport holders to have Covid-19 Test report to enter France from Ireland

The French Authorities have directed that all UK passport holders entering France from Ireland will need to present printed evidence of a negative result from a privately undertaken (not NHS) pre-departure COVID-19 PCR or other antigen test taken up to 72 hours prior to their arrival.

A COVID-19 Declaration Form must also be completed. UK passport holders who permanently reside in the Irish Republic are exempt but must have proof of Irish residence (e.g. scanned utility bill).

- The French decree extending the testing regime states that all people coming from the UK should present a declaration saying that they do not have Covid symptoms and that they have not been in contact with a confirmed case in the 14 days preceding their journey and be in possession of a negative PCR / Antigen Covid test taken less than 72 hours before embarking on their journey. The test has to be carried out on British territory (includes NI).

- restrictions preventing the sale of alcohol in hospitality or closing all hospitality (except takeaway and delivery)
- closing indoor and outdoor entertainment venues and tourist attractions
- closing venues such as leisure centres and gyms (while ensuring provision remains available for elite athletes, youth and disabled sport and physical activity)
- closing public buildings, such as libraries and community centres (while ensuring provision remains available for youth and childcare activities and support groups)
- closing personal care and close contact services or prohibiting the highest-risk activities
- closing performing arts venues for the purposes of performing to audiences

You should therefore check whether additional restrictions apply in your area.

Find out more about the measures that apply in very high alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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Entering the UK

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) and entering or returning to the UK

If you're a resident or visitor travelling to the UK from any country, you must provide your journey and contact details. If you do not do this before you arrive it might take you longer to enter the UK.

You'll also need to self-isolate in the place you're staying for the first 14 days after you arrive, unless you're travelling from certain countries or territories.

You may be fined up to £100 if you refuse to provide your contact details. You may be fined more if you break this rule more than once. You may also be fined up to £1,000 if you refuse to self-isolate, or you could face further action.

There are different self-isolation rules and penalties depending on whether you are travelling to:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

When you do not need to self-isolate

You may not need to self-isolate for 14 days if you're travelling from some countries or territories.

- HGV/LCV drivers arriving in Cherbourg with UK passports are now being asked to prove that they are resident in Ireland to be allowed into France without a negative COVID test. The French authorities are aware that a driver could hold a UK passport and still work and live in the South. If the driver can prove by showing proof of address in Ireland – a scanned version of a utility bill etc. - they will be allowed in without proof of a negative test. There have been a number of cases of UK passport holders driving Irish trucks and who could prove they lived in Ireland that have been allowed in.

- Drivers with UK passports driving NI registered trucks or working for NI haulage companies may have more difficulty in entering France. They risk being sent back if they do not have a valid PCR / antigen test.

The list of antigen tests approved by France is available here.
Source: Motis/AFTRI

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Requirements for drivers before leaving the UK - update

United Kingdom - France

HGV drivers travelling to or via France must continue to have proof of an authorised negative COVID test, conducted within 72 hours of travelling across the border.

Government urges drivers to get an authorised test at an independent site, or one of 34 information and advice sites before travelling to ports.

Those using Kent ports are now also legally required to have a Kent Access Permit.

- HGVs leaving England for France can only cross the Channel with evidence of an authorised negative COVID test, that has been conducted within the 72-hour period before their departure. **This measure is mandated by the UK and French governments, and will stay in place until further notice.** Hauliers without an authorised negative COVID test taken within the 72-hour period will be turned away

- HGV drivers arriving in Kent with proof of a negative Covid test and a Kent Access Permit will now be 'fast tracked', with quicker access to the port or Eurotunnel terminal

You should get tested <u>before</u> you arrive at a port:

- Hauliers also can get an authorised negative COVID test (https://uk.ambafrance.org/List-of-antigen-tests-authorized-for-entry-to-France-from-UK-29434) from a private testing facility (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing

-Testing is also now available at the Information & Advice sites across the country. Testing is being offered at 34 sites today (Friday 8 January), but please check gov.uk for the latest opening hours and information: **gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locations**

Remember to get your Kent Access Permit:

Hauliers using the Short Straits (Port of Dover or Eurotunnel) must also use the Check an HGV is Ready to Cross the Border service to:

- apply for a Kent Access Permit

- check you have the paperwork you need to cross the border between Great Britain and the EU via the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel

You can be fined £300 if you do not use the service when travelling through Kent ports, or if you provide a fraudulent declaration. Hauliers who arrive at port without the correct Import and Export documents will be turned away.

You still have to provide your journey and contact details.

These countries or territories are different depending on whether you're travelling to:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

You'll still need to self-isolate if you've visited or made a 'transit stop' in the previous 14 days in any country that is not on the list. A 'transit stop' is a stop where passengers can get on or off a coach, ferry, train or plane. Your ticket should say if a stop is a transit stop.

The 14 days begin from the date you left that country.

When you do not need to provide your details or self-isolate in the UK

You do not need to complete the form or self-isolate if you're travelling from one of the following places, and you were there for 14 days or more:

- Ireland
- the Channel Islands
- the Isle of Man

There are other reasons why you might not need to complete the form or self-isolate. Read the list of who does not need to complete the form or self-isolate.

What else happens when you arrive

Your passport or identity card will be checked when you arrive at a UK port or airport to make sure you're allowed to come into the country. It should be valid for the whole of your stay.

You may also need a visa to come into or travel through the UK, depending on your nationality.

What you can bring with you depends on where you're travelling from. You must declare to customs:

- anything over your duty-free allowance
- banned or restricted goods in the UK
- goods that you plan to sell
- more than €10,000 (or its equivalent) in cash, if you're coming from outside the EU

You and your baggage may be checked for anything you must declare.

Before you leave for the UK

Check what documents you'll need to enter the UK.

You're from an EEA country or Switzerland

You can enter the UK with either a valid passport or national identity card issued by an EEA country.

You're not from an EEA country

Covid Protocol

Please ensure you are familiar with and following the correct Covid Protocol rules when travelling. Full guidance available here: gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-hgv-operators-and-drivers-crossing-an-international-border

Testing Positive

If your test result is positive you will need to take a confirmatory PCR COVID test; you will not be able to leave the UK or access any UK port until you have done so or have isolated for 10 days.

You should leave the site immediately and obtain a confirmatory PCR COVID test at one of the NHS Testing Facilities (https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test).

You will need to self-isolate until you receive a negative test result, or for 10 days.

Get support and further information

Use our Live Chat Function (https://transport-goods-to-and-from-eu.dft.gov.uk/) or visit one of our Information and Advice sites https://www.gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locationsto conduct a **free advisory border readiness check** today.

Source: UK Department for Transport

11.01.2021

Brexit : France - Guidance on customs documents to scan in order to enter France from the UK

United Kingdom - France

The French Customs authorities have issued further guidance on which customs documents to scan in order to be able to enter into France when coming from the UK (see attachment for further details).



Source: French Customs and the UK Department for Transport

08.01.2021

UK - Brexit: Advice on Moving Goods from Great-Britain to the Republic of Ireland / Northern Ireland

You must have a valid passport to enter the UK. It should be valid for the whole of your stay.

You may also need a visa, depending on which country you're from.

Check if you need a visa to enter the UK.

You may also need a visa if you're 'transiting' or travelling through the UK, for example you're changing flights at a UK airport.

Applying for a visa

You must apply for your visa before you arrive in the UK.

Travelling with children

You may be asked at the border to prove the relationship between yourself and any children travelling with you, if you do not seem to be the parent, for example if you have a different surname.

You can prove this with:

- a birth or adoption certificate showing your relationship with the child
- divorce or marriage certificates if you're the parent but have a different surname from the child
- a letter from the child's parent giving permission for the child to travel with you and providing contact details, if you're not the parent

Before you board

Your 'carrier' (for example airline or transport provider) will check your passport and other travel documents. They'll send this information electronically to Border Force.

You can ask to see the information about you that's been sent by carriers. You'll have to pay a £10 fee.

At border control

Your passport or identity card will be checked.

You must:

- have your passport or identity card ready - remove it from a holder or wallet if you use one
- remove your sunglasses if you're wearing them
- move through passport control together if you're in a family

Arriving by bus or coach

You have to leave the bus when you arrive at border control.

Make sure you:

- are ready to get off the bus when you arrive
- have your travel documents ready

Read the guidance for school parties and groups coming to the UK by coach.

If you're from an EEA country or Switzerland

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued some new advice to transport operators on moving goods between Great-Britain and the Republic of Ireland/Northern Ireland.

Moving Goods from Great Britain to the Republic of Ireland

Pre-Boarding Notification (PBN) – Irish Revenue requirement:

If you carry goods from GB to Ireland using a RoRo ferry service (accompanied or unaccompanied), a PBN must be submitted to Irish Customs. This notification must be submitted in advance of the goods leaving GB.

The haulier is responsible for ensuring that the PBN is submitted using information provided by the importer. However, the PBN may be created by anyone in the supply chain that has the required information.

Vehicles will not be allowed to board ferries in GB without a valid PBN.

PBNs are created on Irish Revenue's Customs RoRo Service

Irish Revenue has also set up a dedicated email support service to deal with all PBN related queries at customsPBN@revenue.ie.

Irish Revenue put a temporary arrangement in place that allowed for the creation of a PBN for goods movements that began before the end of the transition period (31 December) and ended after that date. This temporary arrangement is no longer available for all sailings departing GB on or after 18:00 hours on 5 January 2021.

Irish Revenue has issued a press release with advice to hauliers and truck drivers moving goods from GB into Irish ports. Full details are available here:

A PBN user guide has been added to their website. This is available here and access the video here.

Entry Summary Declarations (ENS) – EU requirement:

We also understand that some hauliers moving goods between GB and Republic of Ireland have not met the requirements for submitting an import Safety & Security Entry Summary Declaration (ENS), required by the EU for imports. We would urge hauliers to please ensure they are aware and take steps to meet this EU requirement.

Moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland

Information for hauliers:

Import declarations and safety and security (ENS) declarations must be made before moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

From 00:01 am (GMT) on 8th January 2021 all goods crossing from Great Britain to Northern Ireland using a GVMS location (Belfast, Larne, Warrenpoint) will require a Goods Movement Reference (GMR).

To get a GMR you will need to:

- Have a GB EORI number and an XI EORI number

- Register for GVMS

You can use the free Trader Support Service (TSS) to generate and submit ENS safety & security declarations to HMRC. After submitting these, TSS will provide you with the information you need to input into GVMS to receive authorisation to move goods.

Help and support is available to guide you through new requirements.

Register for the Trader Support Service to get information and advice to help you prepare for new processes.

You can find out more about GVMS in GOV.UK guidance.

You can use the EU/EEA channel to get your passport or identity card checked - this is usually faster than the other channels.

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

You can use automatic ePassport gates at some airports if your passport has a 'chip' on it and you're 12 or over. If you' re between 12 and 17, you must be accompanied by an adult.

These gates use facial recognition technology to check your identity against the photo in your passport.

If you're from a non-EEA country

You no longer have to fill in a landing card. Your passport (and visa if you have one) will be checked at border control. You'll usually be asked why you're coming to the UK.

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19) there are changes at border control. You cannot currently use the automatic ePassport gates if you're from any non-EEA country.

You should see a border control officer and follow the UK/EEA immigration lanes if you're from:

- Australia
- Canada
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- South Korea
- United States

When else you must see a border control officer

You must see a border control officer and get a stamp in your passport if you're from a non-EEA country and entering the UK:

- on a short term study visa up to 6 months
- with a Tier 5 Creative or Sporting certificate of sponsorship for up to 3 months (and you want to enter without a visa)
- on a permitted paid engagement
- to accompany or join your EEA family member

You cannot get a stamp if you use the ePassport gates. Without a stamp you will not be allowed to carry out the activities you came to the UK to do.

Registered Travellers

You should see a border control officer and use the UK/EEA c hannels.

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19) there are changes at border control. You cannot currently use the automatic ePassport gates.

Travelling with a UK biometric residence permit

You'll have a biometric residence permit if your fingerprints were taken when you applied.

Your fingerprints will be checked at border control - they'll be checked against the ones stored on your visa document.

Source: UK Department for Transport

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Testing of professional drivers in the UK - Update

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) announced on Thursday, 7 January 2021 that following a decision of the French Government, the current testing arrangements for hauliers crossing the Channel , where **they must have had a negative coronavirus test within 72 hours of crossing** – are set to continue.

The continuation means that hauliers, including drivers and crew of HGVs, drivers of LGVs and van drivers, planning to cross the Channel should get a negative test before travelling to Kent or other Channel Crossing points.

Please see the link below for an updated map of the advice sites where HGV drivers and crew, and drivers of LGVs and vans can get a free COVID test - **Haulier Information and Advice sites on gov.uk**

Source: UK Department of Transport

07.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak: Safer transport guidance for operators and Safer travel guidance for passengers in UK

The UK government issued guidance to help transport organisations understand how to provide safer workplaces and services for themselves, their workers and passengers. It outlines measures to assess and address the risks of coronavirus (COVID-19). Separate safety guidelines are issued for operators, passengers and taxis/PHVs. Operators should consider this guidance alongside the general advice to the public on national lockdown that applies in England from 6 January 2021.

Please note that there's different guidance for Northern Ireland, Sc otland and Wales.

Source: UK Department for Transport

06.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak : HGV's carrying certain dangerous goods will not be accepted for entry into the Manston or Sevington sites (UK)

HGV's carrying certain dangerous goods **will not be accepted** for entry into the Manston or Sevington sites because of the terms of use of those sites (see the list in the link below). In addition, the drivers of those HGV's will also be refused access to Manston or Sevington unless they get tested before arriving in Kent, as they cannot be made border ready at these sites. Should such a vehicle enter these sites in Kent then they would be asked to go back.

As informed earlier, testing is available at various Information and Advice sites across the UK. The latest list can be found here: https:/ /www.gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locations. Some companies are also providing private testing for their drivers. Please do check whether the motorway service station or truck stop where a driver plans to visit, has any restrictions for certain dangerous goods.

Confirmed list of prohibited loads at these sites are:

- Vehicles carrying explosives only

- Vehicles carrying Polymerizing Substances

If you're joining or travelling with an EEA or Swiss family member

You should see a border control officer instead of using the automatic ePassport gates.

If you're refused entry

You'll be told in writing:

- why you've been refused entry to the UK
- if you can appeal against the decision
- when you will be removed from the UK

You'll usually have to leave the UK immediately.

You may be allowed into the UK temporarily (usually for up to a week) but your passport will be taken from you and you must report to immigration officers at set times.

- Previous

Baggage checks

You must co-operate if you're stopped and asked about your baggage.

If you break the rules your goods and any vehicle you use to transport them may be seized.

If your baggage is checked

Your baggage is usually checked in front of you.

Customs officers keep a record of:

- all baggage they open and check
- any damage to your baggage or belongings during a check

If your things are damaged

You may be offered compensation if your baggage or belongings are damaged during a customs check.

Making a complaint

You can:

- ask for the duty manager if you want to complain about a customs check while you're at the border
- send your complaint to Border Force if you want to complain later

Layovers and transiting through a UK airport

Passing through a UK airport while on the way to another country is called 'transiting'. Some travellers call it a 'layover'.

There are 2 types of transiting:

- 'airside' - you do not pass through UK border control before you leave on your connecting journey
- 'landside' - you do pass through UK border control, but come back through it and leave the UK within a short amount of time (usually 24 hours)

- Vehicles carrying Infectious Substances

- Vehicles carrying Radioactive Substances

- Vehicles carrying goods that are High Consequence from a Terrorism point of view.

Source: UK Department for Transport

05.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: New Testing Centers for Transport Drivers - New test sites announced by the UK Government - Update

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) announced an additional **thirteen more Information and Advice sites**. A full list of locations where testing is available can be found here. To support in communicating these updates, the UK government developed a new infographic which is now live and available for use.

Source: UK Department for Transport

04.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: New Testing Centers for Transport Drivers Leaving the UK - New test sites announced - Update

United Kingdom

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) announced this morning that Covid-19 testing for HGV and LGV drivers is now available at an additional **eight more Information and Advice sites**. A full list of locations where testing is available can be found here.

Source: UK Department for Transport

03.01.2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: UK - testing of van drivers doing international operations

United Kingdom

From 4 January 2021 onwards, van drivers doing international, cross-border operations will have to be tested in the UK.

The Lydden site for testing vans will also close on 4 January 2021.

Source: RHA

United Kingdom

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) announced 5 new COVID testing centres across the UK, so drivers can get a lateral flow test **before** travelling to Kent.

The location of the sites can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locations

Source: UK Department for Transport

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: New Testing Centres for Transport Drivers Leaving the UK

Find out if you need a UK visa for your layover.

Announcements

- What has changed – 22 September

  Published 22 September 2020
- North East England local restrictions

  Published 17 September 2020
- Prime Minister announces new coronavirus (COVID-19) safety rules

  Published 9 September 2020

Freight, bus and road transport businesses

- Coronavirus: dangerous goods vehicle (ADR) annual inspections
  - 19 June 2020
    - Guidance
- Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advice for Heavy Goods (HGV) and Public Service Vehicle (PSV) Operators
  - 1 September 2020
    - Statutory guidance
- Traffic commissioners: contingency and emergency planning, coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - 31 July 2020
    - Statutory guidance
- Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for the freight transport industry
  - 15 May 2020
    - Guidance
- Packaging and transport requirements for patient samples – UN3373
  - 26 March 2020
    - Guidance

Source: https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/print

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

United Kingdom

On 2 January the Transport Secretary announced 10 new testing centres for HGV drivers and van drivers, to help them get a COVID test before travelling to Kent.The COVID tests are being carried out at motorway service stations and truck stops across the country – they have been set up at the Information Advice Sites originally established to provide advice about the requirements for travelling to the continent after leaving the EU.

- Reading – M4 Eastbound
- Sutton Scotney – A34 Southbound
- Peterborough Services – A1M
- Wetherby – A1M
- Watford Gap – M1 Southbound
- Donington Park – M1
- Doncaster North – M18 / M180
- Tamworth – M42
- Carlisle Stobart Truck Stop – M6
- Rugby Stobart Truck Stop – A5 (close to J 19 on M6)

These new centres are open in addition to those tests which are carried out on the M20 for the Channel Tunnel and at Manston for Dover departures, which will still be available for those drivers entering Kent without a test.

10 testing sites will be open from 2 Jan, with a further 10 opening on 3 Jan.

You can find out the locations of these sites and follow updates here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/haulier-advice-site-locations

These sites are in addition to the support being offered by the Government to help firms establish their own testing centres at depots – which is still encouraged.

Source: UK Department for Transport

01.01.2021

Change in operation of UK international bus and coach services in the EU

United Kingdom - European Union

Occasional passenger journeys by coach

On 1 January 2021 the UK joined the Interbus Agreement, ensuring international bilateral (point-to-point) occasional (i.e. unscheduled) journeys to and from the EU to continue.

Operators will not be able to transport passengers between two locations within the EU (known as cabotage), except as part of services between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Interbus does not yet allow regular (scheduled) or special regular services.

Regular and Special Regular services

The UK-EU Free Trade Agreement will allow international bilateral (point-to-point) regular (i.e. scheduled) and special regular services to continue to operate.

Operators will not be able to transport passengers between two locations within the EU (known as cabotage), except as part of services between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Island of Ireland services

Services operating between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will continue to operate with no changes. Operators will continue to be able to transport passengers between two locations within the Republic of Ireland as part of a service between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Operators' licences

Source: WCO/Her Majesty Revenue and Customs

23.04.2020

The Covid-19 outbreak is the biggest public health emergency in a generation. The United Kingdom (UK) is doing everything it can to tackle the pandemic and mitigate its impact.
The UK has already taken several steps. These include reducing dwell times for shipments to allow for quicker permission to progress, assessing the need for personnel to be on site if such functions can be discharged remotely and changes to site opening hours to allow for greater facilitation.

We have also introduced the use of email in lieu of postal applications for authorisations to reduce cross contamination and viral spread and we are allowing the use of estimated figures for the completion of supplementary declarations.

We are advising traders, their agents and relevant government agencies to exchange documents electronically. This can be by email, fax or digital photograph. Traders may also apply for their existing authorisations to apply to additional locations. We will also be publishing online an exhaustive list of government agencies at the border and their email addresses and contact details.

We have also taken a number of measures in relation to transit movements. These include goods moving under transit procedures being taken directly to any approved Temporary Storage Facility even if the facility is not located with a Transit Office of Departure.

Providing relief from import duties (customs and import VAT) for medical equipment to assist in the fight against Covid-19 has been a key part of the UK response. We have also activated our disaster relief clearance route to allow for faster clearance through the ports of goods to combat Covid-19.

The Chancellor has announced an unprecedented package of support for businesses. This includes enhanced Time to Pay arrangements, £330 billion worth of government-backed and guaranteed loans and a workers' support package. VAT registered businesses can also defer their domestic VAT payments due with their VAT returns between now and the end of June and will have until the end of the financial year to pay the VAT due.

These changes have been published on the Gov.uk site and we have interacted with trade bodies to maximise the distribution to businesses across the country. Please follow these links to the relevant guidance:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-through-customs-during-the-coronavirus-covid19
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/customs-authorisations-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19
https://www.gov.uk/difficulties-paying-hmrc

Regardless of what kind of international service you are running, from 1 January 2021 drivers will need to carry a certified true copy of their Operators' Licence on board at all times. Certified copies are being sent to operators in the post automatically.

Driver CPC

Drivers will still need Driver CPC to drive professionally in the UK and the EU after Brexit. UK drivers must still complete their Driver CPC periodic training.

Source: UK Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

31.12.2020

Brexit: "fast track" available from tomorrow to international lorry drivers provided the driver can show evidence of a negative COVID test

United Kingdom - France (31 December 2020)

The Department for Transport has advised that from tomorrow, 1 January 2021, a "fast track" is going to be available for international lorry drivers moving to the Channel Tunnel and Dover who arrive in Kent with proof of a valid negative COVID test. The driver must have evidence of a negative test within the previous 72 hours to access the fast track. The plan is to also use some of the Brexit advice centres for testing HGV drivers too, but this is not in place yet. If HGV drivers arrive in Kent without a test it will still be possible to obtains tests in Manston for those entering France through Dover or on the M20 for those using the Channel Tunnel. The Government list of private testing centres is available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing



29.12.2020

EU-UK borders – Update of the situation in Kent

United Kingdom - European Union

Source: European Commission

08.04.2020

Information about travel restrictions and impact on transport

The UK Department for Transport has sent a letter outlining COVID-19 response actions that are being taken in relation to road transport:

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/uk-actions-road-tra...

Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/uk_covi...

16.03.2020

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting essential goods

The UK has notified to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting essential goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the purpose of this document is to notify the Commission accordingly. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of food, non-food (personal care and household paper and cleaning) and over the counter pharmaceuticals when undertaking certain journeys in England, Scotland and Wales.

Start date: 18.03.2020

End date: 16.04.2020

Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/temporary-relaxatio...

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

FREIGHT HEADING TO KENT

Freight for Dover Port **MUST** go to Manston Airfield CT12 5BL. Follow the signage – A299.

Freight for Eurotunnel – Join BROCK on M20

Eurotunnel – freight below 7.5tns
The testing site located at **Lydden Hill Circuit, Wootton, Kent CT4 6RX** has been reopened this morning. It will only remain if the demand is there.

If drivers can be tested before heading out, and have the evidence of a negative test with them eg the stick , then the need to have a test redone is unlikely, but drivers will still need to report to Manston or the Brock queue to be checked, but will be waved through if evidence is accepted. The wait for a negative test result is approx 30-40mins.

Source: RHA

28.12.2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Update on the situation regarding goods transport traffic flows between France and the UK

France - United Kingdom

Commercial goods transport continues to operate between France and the UK. On the way to the UK, it is expected that spot COVID test might be organised on the French side, to be applicable at least until 30 December 2020.

Up-to-date information on the traffic situation on the French side can be found in English and French at the following websites:

- The Calais Port - on their dedicated Twitter account;

- the Eurotunnel Calais terminal - available here;

- General traffic information in the Calais region is available here.

Sources: AFTRI and FNTR

Brexit – update on permits and guarantees for customs

United Kingdom - European Union

According to the latest Brexit deal, unlimited bilateral transport will be possible, permits will not be needed as of 1.1.2021. For furnishing guarantees for customs duties and taxes, hauliers can use either CTC or TIR. The UK customs authorities (HMRC) have successfully tested TIR for transport between the EU and the UK and confirmed their readiness to continue handling it effectively as of 1 January 2021.

27.12.2020

Brexit – Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: EU-UK borders – Update of the situation in Kent

United Kingdom (27 December 2020)

Freight heading to Kent

Ideally Kent should still be avoided, but freight movements are on the increase.

Latest update

- Freight for Dover Port **must** to go Manston – Follow the signage. Freight arriving at the Port without a test **will** be directed back to Manston.

- Freight for Eurotunnel – Join BROCK on M20

- Official UK Government site information regularly updated.

- The testing site located at **Lydden Hill Circuit, Wootton, Kent CT4 6RX** - for Eurotunnel traffic below 7.5 tonnes is currently shut, but it may be re-established or an alternative site found. We wait developments.

Source: UK Road Haulage Association (RHA)

Brexit – Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: EU-UK borders – Update of the situation in Kent

United Kingdom - European Union (27 December 2020)

Our Member Association in the UK, the RHA, reports that the advice remains that **hauliers must avoid traveling to Kent ports (including Eurotunnel) and other routes to France until further notice**. Urgent work continues to resolve the matter. Unaccompanied freight will continue to be able to travel to France and inbound freight will still be allowed to come to the UK.

Source: UK Road Haulage Association (RHA)

26.12.2020

Brexit - Draft EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement published

European Union - United Kingdom

The European Commission has just published the full draft text of the EU-UK Brexit Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which can be downloaded at https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/eu-uk-trade-and-cooperation-agreement_en.

The chapter on road transport (freight and passenger) starts on page 246.

A formal approval is expected in the days to come on both sides, starting at EU side, by the Council, acting by the unanimity of all 27 Member States, adopting a decision authorising the signature of the Agreement and its provisional application as of 1 January 2021.

For more information on the issue, please see https://ec.europa.eu/info/european-union-and-united-kingdom-forging-new-partnership/future-partnership/draft-eu-uk-trade-and-cooperation-agreement_en.

The IRU Secretariat shall come up with an analysis in due course.

Source: European Commission

Brexit – Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak:Update on the situation in Kent and Eurotunnel

United Kingdom

According to information from this morning (10:15), the situation in Kent is improving, but if freight levels pick up dramatically again, the situation could change. The number of vehicles remaining in the UK in Manston and BROCK has greatly diminished overnight, therefore the immediate requirement for COVID testing has reportedly reduced and a decision will be made by the UK Government as to whether the testing of freight drivers heading to Eurotunnel or Dover will continue. There is still the 72-hour limit of validity for the test to be valid.

Eurotunnel announced yesterday, 25th December, that a testing site had been organised for vehicles below 7.5 tonnes (only: no heavier trucks will be accepted there), that can then use their Folkestone terminal. This testing site is located at **Lydden Hill Circuit, Wootton, Kent CT4 6RX.**

Source: UK Road Haulage Association (RHA)

25.12.2020

Brexit – Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: UK temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for national and international transports

United Kingdom

The UK Government issued a temporary relaxation in the enforcement of driving and rest time rules for national and international transports.

These relaxations started on 23 December 2020 and will continue until 22 January 2021.

More information can be found in the attached documents.





Source: European Commission and the UK Government

24.12.2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Return of vehicles and drivers from the UK - update

United Kingdom

The UK has now reached an agreement with the French that the border at Eurotunnel, Dover and Calais will remain open over Christmas period to help transport people home as soon as possible. Please monitor ourlive news story page on GOV.UK wher e we will continue to feed updates. You can also find multi-lingual travel advice from the Port of Dover for Hauliers.

Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) are closely monitoring the situation in accordance with their Driver Welfare Plan. If you are not already aware, you may be interested to know that KRF have an email for driver welfare support which is fennel.welfare@kent.gov.uk.

Source: UK Department for Transport

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: UK Depatment of Transport update for hauliers and passengers

United Kingdom

“All leaflets have been handed out at Manston, and are being distributed with welfare provisions on the M20 and via police at Dover. The text of the leaflet can be found here in Dutch, Romanian, Polish and Russian.

The latest asset are available here and this site will be continually updated as new messages develop. Please do use these resources to share updates on social media. There is also a live news story page on GOV.UK where we will continue to feed updates throughout.

You can also find multi-lingual travel advice from the Port of Dover for Hauliers based on our assets attached above (tweeter account with tweets inDutch, Romanian, Polish and Russian and materials attached).

We have reached an agreement with the French that the border at Eurotunnel, Dover and Calais will remain open over Christmas period to help transport people home as soon as possible.

Please note that the message remains that people should not travel to Kent. Please continue to cascade this message to your members and relevant contacts. “

Source: UK Department for Transport

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Italy entry restrictions for people coming from the United Kingdom

Italy - United Kingdom

The Order of December 23, 2020 of the Ministry of Health (attached), decided jointly with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, identifies urgent measures to contain and manage the health emergency, and specifically the entry into the national territory of people from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. The Ordinance is published in the Official Journal of the Italian Republic of December 23, 2020 - n.318.

Article 1 - paragraph 2 of the Ordinance (unofficial translation) states that:

Provided that no COVID-19 symptoms arise, and without prejudice to the declaration obligations under Art.7 of the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of December 3, 2020, the provisions of the Order of the Minister of Health of December 20, 2020, as supplemented by the new order, do not apply to the crew and traveling personnel of means of transport of persons and goods, without prejudice to the obligation to undergo a molecular or antigenic test, *to be carried out by means of a swab, upon arrival at the airport, port or border location, where possible, or within 48 hours of entry into the national territory at the local health authority of reference.*

The rule does not mention the obligation to the fiduciary isolation or quarantine.

These provisions apply until January 15, 2020.

FIAP suggests (only) to those who are interested, and are not resident in Italy and have reasons of absolute necessity to enter the Italian territory, at least to:

- to fill in the attached self-declaration (attached text available only in Italian language);

- to have the result of a molecular or antigenic test, carried out within 72 hours of arrival at the border, with a negative response;

At this moment FIAP is not aware of any specific operative dispositions sent to the Border Control Bodies. The eventual issuance of these provisions may be decisive.

The situation is constantly evolving. Any updates will be transmitted as soon as available.

Useful links:

http://www.viaggiaresicuri.it/country/GBR

https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/ministero/normativaonline/decreto-iorestoacasa-domande-frequenti/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia.html





Source: FIAP

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Slovakia - extended the exemption from driving ban

Slovakia - United Kingdom

Let me inform you that due to the release of restrictions on the borders of Great Britain and France on 30 December and in an effort to help truck drivers not to stand on the borders of the Slovak Republic and go home to their families, the Police of Slovak Republic extended the exemption from driving ban in connection with the upcoming public holidays for transit through the Slovak Republic on 24 December, 25 December and 26 December 2020.

Source: Association of Slovak Hauliers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - France - Temporary lifting of traffic bans due to the COVID-19 situation and special lifting of traffic bans and derogation on driving and rest time rules for vehicles returning from the UK

France - United Kingdom

Lifting of Traffic Bans : 84 Decree of 22 December 2020 lifting the ban on the movement of certain types of goods transport vehicles on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 December 2020 for the supply of shops with essential products in the context of the epidemic crisis of the coronavirus " covid-19 ".

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000042731489

Lifting of Traffic Bans : 85 Decree of 23 December 2020 lifting the ban on the movement of certain types of goods transport vehicles from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 December 2020 to allow the return of road drivers from the United Kingdom.

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000042731493

Derogation on Driving and Rest Times: 86 Order of 23 December 2020 temporarily derogating from the rules on driving time and rest for road transport of goods from the United Kingdom.

https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000042731497

23.12.2020

Please find attached the guidance provided by the UK Department of Health & Social Care to COVID testing for hauliers.



Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: UK guidance for hauliers

GOV.UK guidance for hauliers awaiting access to the Port and Eurotunnel has now been translated into Dutch, Polish, Romanian, and Russian.

An information leaflet outlining guidance for hauliers with the above translations can be found here.

Physical copies of these leaflets will arrive at Manston, M20 J11 and Dover shortly.

Source: UK Department for Transport

The UK Government established a special webpage with test guidance for the drivers.

The testing of drivers has started at the Manston Airport site.

The UK Government strongly advises **NOT TO TRAVEL TO KENT AT THIS TIME.**

For any haulage or freight that *is* arriving in Kent, please note **that Manston is at capacity and you will be directed to join Operation Brock. Drivers should not travel to Port of Dover without a negative test.**

Source: UK Department for Transport

Testing expected to start at 06:00 UK time at Manston. Trucks (& vans) will be released in batches after negative antigen tests. Tests are expected to be organised and carried by by NHS, potentially with military support. Staff already in Dover ready to start. The UK Government sends a strong message to drivers to avoid Kent area.

Source: RHA

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Measures taken in Kent (UK)

Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) agencies continue to work closely with central government to manage the ongoing traffic disruption in the county.

The priority of all partners, including Kent Police, Kent County Council and Highways England, and the Department for Transport, is to keep people safe and look after those who are stuck in queues as they wait for borders to re-open and cross the Channel.

In the meantime, the advice remains that freight or tourist traffic should not head into Kent.

On the M20, Kent County Council continues to ensure drivers are provided with snacks, drinking water and hot food. We are also grateful to KRF agencies and partner organisations who are helping deliver provisions. Portable toilets were rolled out Monday at 1 km intervals between junctions 10a-11 and these are being regularly cleaned.

A further 150 toilets are available for drivers at Manston, where there are also hot food trucks and water. 70 additional toilets will arrive at Manston tomorrow morning.

Though hauliers are routinely well prepared for disruption and following the traffic management plans while we work to manage the disruption, it remains important that people currently avoid travelling to Kent.

If you must travel, come prepared for delays and carry food, water and blankets. Road-side welfare can only be provided to stationary traffic for safety reasons and it is not a long term option.

Source: Kent local authorities (KRF) https://kccmediahub.net/kent-resilience-forum-statement-on-traffic-disruption745

09.11.2020

Non-UK resident freight drivers who have travelled from or through Denmark in the last 14 days can no longer enter UK. UK residents who arrives in England after 4am 6 November after travelling from or through Denmark in the last 14 days – including HGV drivers - must self-isolate along with their household.

The ban is effective and there are no special conditions for road transport. From what we got from the Danish Transport Ministry a road transport from DK to UK via France can therefore be performed like this:

Driver takes trailer from DK to DE. Another driver then takes the trailer from DE to UK (provided this driver has not been in Denmark the last 14 days and is not Danish resident.

Further information is available here.

Source: ITD / RHA

02.11.2020

It is mandatory for everyone coming into the UK to complete the UK Passenger Contact Locator form, and this does include drivers delivering freight. They must have a consignment note and community authorisation (assuming the vehicle is big enough to require one). They should also be carrying the EC International Workers COVID document.

When the complete the Contact Locator form, they can indicate on it that they are exempt, stating that they are freight delivery drivers and where it asks for an address where they are staying, in the box they can either put an address is they are going to be using one and this can be a depot. If they are going to be staying in their cab for rest periods, which should be taken in recognised parking areas, and not on the side of the road, they can state they are stating in the cab and put the vehicle registration number in. They will already be including a mobile phone number.

Source: RHA

24.09.2020

Update on Flash info posted on 17 September 2020; 15:30.

Operation Stack on the M20 has been deployed again today as a result of the strike action in Calais.

Source: RHA

17.09.2020

Operation Stack (Stage 1) has been implemented on the M20 between J8 - J9 coast-bound. The Operation is designed to prevent gridlock while anti-terrorism checks are in place.

All freight traffic heading for the Port of Dover or Channel Tunnel must join Operation Stack at J8 of the M20, where it will be separated into two queues on either side of the coast-bound carriageway.

All non-freight traffic will leave the M20 at J8 to join the A20 and follow the diversion signs with yellow circles.

The coast-bound diversion route for non-freight traffic will be M20 J8 - A20 Ashford Road - A20 Maidstone Road Drovers Roundabout - A28 Templar Way - A28 Chart Road - B2229 Brookfield Road - A2042 Romney Marsh Road - A2070- M20 J10 - A20 Hythe Road - M20 J11.
Link to map: http://moorl.uk/?1xidwpl

Non-freight traffic and tourist traffic travelling to east Kent are also advised to use the A2 and M2 to reduce congestion on the A20 diversion route.

Freight traffic travelling to East Kent, but not heading for the Channel Tunnel or Channel Ports is also advised to use the A2 and M2.

Please expect delays across the county and allow extra time for your journey.

Source: RHA

02.09.2020

In order to prepare effectively for Brexit, Dutch stakeholders involved in Brexit, including TLN, have launched a mini-campaign to inform the public of the procedures for transport to the United Kingdom from 1 Janaury 2021.

Digital pre-notification of customs documents will be mandatory at all ferry terminals and most short-sea terminals. Without this pre-notification, trucks will not be allowed to enter the ferry terminal and will be diverted to parking areas.

Attached you will find information in English and German and a YouTube video on how transport to the United Kingdom will work from 1 January 2021.

Dutch website with information on Brexit:

- English: https://www.getreadyforbrexit.eu/en/
- German: https://www.getreadyforbrexit.eu/de/

- The YouTube movie in both languages:
  - English: https://youtu.be/4Ip0mpP11q4
  - German: https://youtu.be/o5BYDKSK8X0

- A short outline of the five steps to be taken:
  - English: https://www.getreadyforbrexit.eu/en/brexit-in-5-steps/
  - German: https://www.getreadyforbrexit.eu/de/der-brexit-in-5-schritten/



Source: TLN

14.08.2020

More countries have been removed from the UK Travel Corridor list, this includes France and the Netherlands.

To re-iterate, international drivers who are actively engaged in cross border work ARE exempt from the requirement to isolate, but must still carry the evidence of their status, community authorisation, consignment note and COVID movement documents.

International drivers who have been on holiday and returning to the UK from a country that has been removed (or is not on the list) after 4am Saturday 15th August, WILL have to follow the rules and isolate. Their tourist/holiday maker status supersedes their driver status.

Also, don't forget that the UK Passenger Contact Locator form STILL needs to be completed by ALL returning to the UK. https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors

The following countries and territories will be removed from the travel corridor list at 4am, Saturday 15 August 2020:

- Aruba
- France
- Malta
- Monaco
- the Netherlands
- Turks and Caicos Islands

Source: RHA

06.07.2020

On 6 July, the UK Home Office published the list of travel corridors f rom which people arriving into the UK will not have to isolate for 14 days upon arrival, unless they have visited or stopped in any other country or territory in the preceding 14 days. Those arriving in the UK whose journey started from a country that is not on the list will still have to follow the isolation requirements. It is expected that the list will grow as time goes on. Rules on travel corridors will apply from 10 July onwards.

Members are reminded that anyone entering the UK (drivers included) is still required to fill the passenger locator form. In case of multiple entries in the UK within 48 hours, multiple journey can be included in the form. Drivers are still exempt from the isolation requirements.

Source: RHA

30.06.2020

On 28 June, the Government announced that the HGV Road User Levy, which is applied to HGVs of 12 tonnes or more, will be suspended for a year. The suspension runs **from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021**.
A Levy rate of zero will automatically apply at a vehicle's normal VED/Levy renewal date from August onwards.
The suspension is applied to UK and overseas-registered HGVs using the UK's roads.

Foreign operators who have already paid the levy as an annual payment will be able to claim a refund for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021, through their user account. Foreign operators who would normally 'pay as they go' will not be charged for use of the UK network between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021.

More information can be found here.

Source: RHA

26.06.2020

UK authorities have provided guidance in several languages about the contact locator form that individuals need to fill in upon entry into the UK territory. Members are reminded that these documents have been drafted to cover all passengers, not only freight drivers. Whilst freight drivers are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation requirement, referred to in the document, they do have to fill in the form.

The following languages are available:

- Italian: guidance and instructions
- French: guidance and instructions
- German: guidance and instructions
- Romanian: guidance and instructions
- Czech: guidance and instructions
- Dutch: guidance and instructions
- Lithuanian: guidance and instructions
- Polish: guidance and instructions
- Portuguese: guidance and instructions
- Russian: guidance and instructions
- Slovak: guidance and instructions
- Spanish: guidance and instructions
- Turkish: guidance and instructions
- Bulgarian: guidance and instructions
- Hungarian: guidance and instructions

Members are reminded that the locator form can only be filled out o nline.

Sources: FTA and RHA

17.06.2020

Since 8 June, new border measures as well as a 14-day quarantine apply to most arrivals in the UK.

Drivers of goods vehicles and bus/coach drivers are exempt from the 14-day quarantine requirement. Drivers have to demonstrate that their travel into the UK is part of their job. They can do this in a number of ways (e.g., a letter from their employer, a consignment note or the operator licence). UK authorities also confirmed that annex 3 is acceptable proof.

Even though they are exempt from quarantine, drivers will have to fill in an online locator form with their contact details and details of their journey. A recent update now allows drivers to **complete the form for multiple journeys to the UK over a 48 hour period**. UK authorities have confirmed that they are currently working to further improve the process for hauliers and freight workers, particularly for those travelling to and from the UK multiple times during a one-week period.

Official guidance is available here.

Source: FTA

12.06.2020

Following the enter into force of measures set out by the UK government earlier this week, members and drivers are reminded of the following:

- Drivers need to prove that the travel is part of their job. This can be done by, for example, a letter from their employer, the EC International Workers Declaration, a consignment note or the operator's licence.
- In addition, the UK locator form must be completed by **any one arriving in the UK**, including all professional drivers and freight workers. Other documents that drivers must have are the consignment note and the True Certified Copy of the Community Licence
- The locator form declaration cannot be submitted more than 48 hours before the arrival in UK.

Source: RHA

05.06.2020

The UK has introduced new border measures that will be implemented from 8 June:

- Drivers of goods vehicles and bus/coach drivers will be exempt from the new 14-day quarantine requirement that will apply to most arrivals in the UK. Drivers will have to demonstrate that their travel into the UK is part of their job. They can do this in a number of ways, for example a letter from their employer, a consignment note or the operator licence would be acceptable. UK authorities provided an indicative template for a letter from the employer; using this template is not mandatory.

- Even though they are exempt from quarantine, drivers will have to fill in an online locator form with their contact details and details of their journey. Officials confirmed the "address" field will be optional. Drivers can complete the form no more than 48 hours in advance and will have to show either the digital version or the printed version of the form upon arrival at the UK border.

Official guidance is available here.

Source: FTA

02.06.2020

On 29 May, the British Government advised that the relaxations of the EU driving and rest times rules would cease to apply on 13 May, at 23:59. Therefore, **Regulation (EC) 561/2006 fully applies from 1 June at 00:00**. The relaxations of the GB driving and rest times rules have been extended to 14 June at 23:59, but will be kept under review. Further information can be found here.

Source: RHA

25.05.2020

The government has announced new plans for passengers arriving in the UK from abroad. As expected, these introduce new measures at the UK border to guard against a second wave of coronavirus (Covid-19) infections and include 14 days self-isolation for anyone entering the UK, bar a short list of exemptions.

FTA is pleased to confirm that road haulage and freight workers are exempt from the requirements in order to ensure the supply of goods is not impacted. Exemptions also include anyone travelling within the Common Travel Area, covering Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The Home Office announcement may be found here.

Source: FTA

22.04.2020

In response to unprecedented pressures on local and national supply chains, the Department for Infrastructure has introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules **in Northern Ireland**. It has also introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of NI drivers' hours rules in Northern Ireland.

This relaxation began on 23 March 2020 and was due to end on 21 April 2020.

A specific review of the continuation of the relaxations past 21 April 2020 has been conducted and on the basis of the current evidence, a decision has been made to continue with the relaxations (**apart from the relaxation on break requirements**) **until 23:59 on Sunday 31 May 2020.**

The Department will keep these temporary arrangements under review and the relaxation may be amended or brought to an end earlier if circumstances change.

The Department would like to remind all transport operators and the customers who influence their practices that:

- The standard drivers' hours rules are important safety-related rules. They are in place to improve road safety and the working conditions of drivers, and reduce the risk of drivers being involved in fatigue-related accidents.
- Therefore, these temporary relaxations should only be used where absolutely necessary. Operators should, wherever possible, attempt to recruit additional drivers from other sectors who are out of work or facing being furloughed
- The temporary relaxations are designed to support the transport of vital goods, including the supply chains related to medicines, health, fuel, food and other necessities.

The current situation is being kept under review and the relaxation may be amended or withdrawn earlier than 31 May 2020 if circumstances change. Operators should use this period to increase resilience.

If any drivers or operators consider that they are being asked to use the relaxation without correct justification then they can email their concerns to drivershours@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk.

Retrospective checking of the use of these relaxations will take place as necessary, including by the Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA).

Please note that the previous relaxation of the EU drivers' hours rules on breaks (i.e. the requirements for daily breaks of 45 minutes after 4.5 hours driving replaced with a break of 45 minutes after 5.5 hours of driving) was applicable from 23 March 2020 until 21 April 2020 only.

Those wishing to use this relaxation should read the full notice here and must follow its requirements.

Source: FTA

17.04.2020

Following a recent review of the current relaxation of the enforcement of the driver hours' rules; which is due to end on 21 April, a decision has been made, based on the current evidence, to continue with the relaxations (apart from the relaxation on the EU break requirements) **until 23:59 on Sunday 31 May**.

Detailed information has been provided by UK DFT and is available here.

Source: RHA

09.04.2020

In cases of non-resident drivers becoming unwell with the coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms while in the UK, the national authorities recommend the following:

1. If emergency/clinical care is needed, an ambulance should be called;

2. The official guidelines must be followed, ie. immediate self-isolation; it is the responsibility of the freight company to safeguard employee well-being and therefore place them in suitable individual accommodation;

3. Foreign nationals can also approach their embassy for assistance;

4. In exceptional circumstances, depending on capacity, it may be possible to arrange accommodation at the London Isolation Centre.

Source: FTA

22.03.2020

The Department for Transport (DfT) has introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales. It has also introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of GB drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales.

This applies to those undertaking carriage of goods by road in all sectors, between 00.01 on Monday 23 March and 23.59 on Tuesday 21 April (continuation of the relaxation past 5 April is subject to review).

The EU drivers' hours rules can be temporarily relaxed as follows:

a) Replacement of the EU daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.

b) Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours.

c) Lifting the weekly (56 hours) and fortnightly driving limits (90 hours) to 60 and 96 hours respectively.

d) Postponement of the requirement to start a weekly rest period after six-24 hours periods, for after seven 24 hours period; although two regular weekly rest periods or a regular and a reduced weekly rest period will still be required within a fortnight.

e) The requirements for daily breaks of 45 minutes after 4.5 hours driving replaced with replaced with a break of 45 minutes after 5.5 hours of driving.

Drivers must not use relaxation 'a' and 'd' at the same time. This is to ensure drivers are able to get adequate rest. DfT guidance can be found here.

From Monday 23 March all road user charging schemes in the capital will be temporarily suspended until further notice. This includes the Congestion Charge, the central London ULEZ and the London-wide LEZ.

Source: FTA

20.03.2020

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) has issued notification of a relaxation in the drivers' hours rules for **Northern-Ireland**. This temporary relaxation applies from 00:01 on Wednesday 18 March 2020 and will run until 23:59 on Thursday 16 April 2020. Initially, this will apply for the drivers of vehicles involved in the delivery of food, non-food (personal care and household paper and cleaning) and over the counter pharmaceuticals when undertaking the following journeys:

- Distribution centre to stores (or fulfilment centre).

- From manufacturer or supplier to distribution centre (including backhaul collections).

- From manufacturer or supplier to store (or fulfilment centre).

- Between distribution centres and transport hub trunking.

- Transport hub deliveries to stores.

This exemption does not apply to drivers undertaking deliveries directly to consumers.

Operators are reminded that this relaxation does not excuse them from their duty of care to drivers and that drivers should not be allowed or required to drive whilst tired. Operators seeking to use the exemption should read the DfI notice in detail; this can be found here.

Source: FTA

18.03.2020

On March 17th, the government has taken new measures, which include advising British nationals against all non-essential international travel.

The advice against non-essential travel is not intended to apply to international and domestic freight transport. Thus, haulage continues under no extra restrictions in the UK officially.

A guidance note on Coronavirus (Covid-19) and freight transport has been published by the UK Department for Transport

Sources: RHA and FTA