

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## United Kingdom

UK adds Dominica, Honduras, Namibia, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu to its list of visa nationals

### Executive summary

On 19 July 2023, the UK government published a [Statement of Changes](#) to the Immigration Rules, adding citizens of Dominica, Honduras, Namibia, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu to its list of visa nationals.

### Background

UK's "[Appendix Visitor: Visa national list](#)" provides a list of jurisdictions whose citizens must obtain a visa prior to visiting the UK for less than six months, unless an exception applies. The authorities review and update the list regularly.

### Key developments

Nationals of Dominica, Honduras, Namibia, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu traveling to the UK on or after 3 p.m. on 19 July 2023, who intend to remain in the UK as a visitor or for any other purpose for less than six months, must now apply for a visitor visa prior to travel.

The change will include a transition period for any nationals of these countries who booked their travel tickets before 3 p.m. on 19 July 2023 and will arrive in the UK no later than 16 August 2023. They will be exempt from the new visa requirement. This exemption does not apply if the individual is visiting the UK to marry or form a civil partnership in the UK (or to give notice of marriage or civil partnership), unless they are a "relevant national" (i.e., British or Swiss national or a citizen of an EEA Member State).

### Impact on Employers

Employers may assess the impact of this change on their impacted short-term business travelers who are planning a business trip to the UK.

### Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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