

Mobility: Immigration alert

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United Kingdom

UK waives quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated individuals traveling to England from Europe and the US effective 2 August 2021

Executive summary

Fully vaccinated passengers arriving from [amber countries](#), including the United States, will not be required to quarantine when entering England, effective 4 a.m. GMT on 2 August 2021. This is one of several new measures designed to support the reopening of international travel into the UK.

Quarantine exemptions

Travelers are considered fully vaccinated if they received all required doses of a vaccine approved by the [European Medicines Agency](#) (EMA), the United States [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) or the [Swiss Government](#) at least 14 days prior to arrival in the United Kingdom. In order to be considered fully vaccinated, travelers must have received all required doses of an approved vaccine while in European Union (EU) Member States, European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Member States (i.e., Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland), Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Vatican or the United States. Fully vaccinated US travelers must carry evidence that they are US residents to be exempted from the quarantine requirement in England. Children under the age of 18 who are traveling to England from the EU, the EFTA, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Vatican or the US do not need to quarantine on arrival. They must follow the same [rules](#) as children from the UK.

Travel from France

While France remains on the amber list, [stricter testing and quarantine rules](#) continue to apply to individuals traveling from this country, as well as those who were present in, or

transited through, France in the 10 days preceding their desired entry to England.

COVID-19 testing and Passenger Locator Form

Most travelers to the UK must complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#) prior to arrival. In general, individuals traveling from amber countries on or after 2 August 2021 will still need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test conducted no more than 72 hours prior to departure. These travelers will also need to get tested for COVID-19 [within their first two days](#) in the United Kingdom. Exceptions from the testing requirements are in place for certain travelers from amber countries, including [children](#), travelers who have a job on the [exempt jobs list](#) and those entering for [medical treatment](#). For more information about UK entry rules, click [here](#).

Quarantine rules in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have the authority to implement their own quarantine rules and restrictions. The UK Government has called for a uniform UK-wide approach to quarantine requirements. As of the time of this writing, the [Scottish](#), [Welsh](#) and [Northern Irish](#) Governments have not stated whether they will adopt the relaxed quarantine rules for travelers from amber countries.

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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