

BEIS

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Mode IV Mobility



Cross-Border Mobility: Business travel and temporary work

Short term business visitors

Short-term and short notice visits, usually for less than 90 days in a 180 day period

Intra-corporate transfers

Transfers to a subsidiary/branch of the same company in a different country

Contractual service suppliers

People carrying out contracts to supply a service to a client in another country, where one company/supplier is contracted to do work for another

Independent professionals

Self-employed people hired for services in another country

Investors

People who move temporarily to invest on behalf of a company

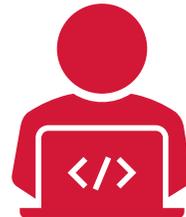
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What do I need to do?

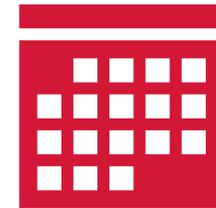
You should take these steps as soon as possible ahead of business travel to the EU and EFTA countries from January 2021:



Check if you need a visa, work permit or other documentation to travel for business purposes



If you need to apply for a visa or work permit – do so ahead of time, before you travel



Check your passport is valid for at least 6 months before you travel

Check before you travel: search for 'Visit Europe from 1 January' on GOV.UK

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Which activities will require a visa?

- In both a deal and a no-deal scenario, business travellers may need to apply for a visa, work permit or other documentation before travelling to the EU / EEA / Switzerland from 1 January 2021.
- The EU agreed last year that UK nationals will be able to travel visa-free to the Schengen Area for short-term visits (up to 90 days in 180) for a limited number of business activities. These are likely to include business meetings, attending conferences, receiving training, sporting and cultural events, and short-term study.
- Some Member States also allow additional permitted activities as part of their domestic immigration regimes for short-term visits. You will need to check the guidance of the Member State you are visiting to find out which activities require a visa or work permit, and which do not.
- If you plan to stay longer than 90 in 180 days or are carrying out activities not included in a Member State's visa-waiver list, you may need a visa, work permit or other documentation. Whatever you are doing, we advise you to check the rules of the relevant Member State to find out if you need to apply. **Check before you travel: search for 'Visit Europe from 1 January' on GOV.UK**

From 1 January 2021, EU / EEA / Swiss nationals travelling to the UK for stays longer than 6 months or undertaking a short-term activity that is not permitted under the UK's business visitor rules will require a visa. Further information on requirements and how to apply is available on GOV.UK: search for ['visitor immigration rules'](#)