

Covid-19 UK travel restrictions and considerations for employers

From 17 May 2021, an updated traffic light system will be in force: apart from a negative test on departure for the UK (which is common to all categories), different rules will apply depending on (a) the country of departure and (b) where the traveller has been in the last 10 days. These are summarised in the below table.

Country list	Risk category	Who may enter the UK	Self-isolation & other measures	Testing
Red	High	British and Irish passport holders.	10 days managed quarantine in a hotel booked through the Government website.	Negative test before departure.
		Non-British/Irish passport holders with residence rights (not visitors).	Passenger locator form to be completed.	Tests on day two and day eight after arrival to be booked through the Government website.
Amber	Medium	All nationalities.	10 days self-isolation at home unless double vaccinated in the UK, EU or US.	Negative test before departure.
			Test to release scheme available to reduce self-isolation to five days.	Double vaccinated – test required on day two.
			Certain specialist visitors are exempt from self-isolation.	Unvaccinated - tests on day two and day eight after arrival to be booked through the Government website.
			Passenger locator form to be completed.	Test to release scheme available to reduce self-isolation to five days via a privately bought test.
Green	Low	All nationalities.	Passenger locator form to be completed but no self-isolation or quarantine.	Negative test before departure.
				Tests on day two and day eight after arrival to be booked through the Government website.

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