

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 ten 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. Non-British/Irish passport holders with residence rights (not visitors).	Ten days managed quarantine in a hotel booked through the Government website. Passenger locator form to be completed.	Negative test before departure. Tests on day two and day eight after arrival to be booked through the Government website.
Green - Fully Vaccinated	Low	All nationalities.	Passenger locator form to be completed before arrival.	Test on or before day two after arrival.
Green - Not Fully Vaccinated	Low	All nationalities.	Passenger locator form to be completed before arrival. Self-isolate for ten days upon arrival.	Negative test before departure. Tests on day two and day eight after arrival to be booked through the Government website. Test to Release – can end self-isolation early with an additional day five test.

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