

Endorsements

Cat A - For Direct Airside Transit only (to be printed on UFV sticker)
 Cat B - For Visitor in Transit Visas only (to be printed on UFV sticker)
 Cat C - For Visit Visas (to be printed on UFV sticker)
 Cat D - For Visa and Entry Clearances in all other categories

Please refer to the relevant chapter for guidance before issuing an entry clearance

Type of visa	Cat	Endorsement	Code	+POL	Duration	Add endorsement field	ECG Chapter
ECG 5 - Exempt status and courtesy endorsements							
Heads of state and their households*	D	EXEMPT		N	6 months		5
Diplomat on posting	D	EXEMPT DIPLOMATIC		N	5 years		5
Unmarried diplomat dependant	D	TO ACC PARTNER (DIPLOMAT)*	1	N	2 years	add initial, surname, Embassy/ High Commission	5
Unmarried diplomat dependant	D	TO JOIN PARTNER (DIPLOMAT)*	1	N	2 years	add initial, surname, Embassy/ High Commission	5
Visiting Diplomat	D	EXEMPT DIPLOMATIC		N	6 months		5
Non-diplomatic staff at mission	D	EXEMPT OFFICIAL		N	5 years		5
Embassy locally engaged staff*	D	EXEMPT		N	Other	(Use 'Exempt Official')	5
Visiting government ministers*	D	EXEMPT		N	2 years	(Use 'Exempt Official')	5
Employees of international organisations	D	EXEMPT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION		N	5 years		5
Interns/ visit at international organisations	D	EXEMPT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION		N	Other		5
Commonwealth Armed Forces	D	EXEMPT - MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES OF COMMONWEALTH		N	Other		5
Foreign Nationals in HM Forces	D	EXEMPT HOME FORCES		N	Other		5
Overseas military personnel visiting	D	EXEMPT VISITING FORCES		N	Other		5
Overseas military training with HM forces	D	EXEMPT ARMED FORCES TRAINING		N	Other		5
Spouse/ CP of exempt member of armed forces	D	TO ACC SPOUSE/CP	1	N	up to 4 years	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	5
Spouse/ CP of exempt member of armed forces	D	TO JOIN SPOUSE/CP	1	N	up to 4 years	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	5
Child of exempt member of armed forces	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)	1	N	up to 4 years	add initial and surname of armed forces parent	5
Child of exempt member of armed forces	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)	1	N	up to 4 years	add initial and surname of armed forces parent	5
Arms control personnel - Vienna doc '92	D	EXEMPT - VISIT ARMS CONTROL INSPECTOR		N	2 years		5
Arms control personnel - Vienna doc '92*	D	EXEMPT - VISIT ARMS CONTROL OBSERVER		N	2 years		5
Arms control personnel - Vienna doc '92*	D	EXEMPT - VISIT ARMS CONTROL TRANSPORT CREW		N	2 years		5
ECG 10 - Visit entry							
Visit	C	VISIT		3	N	6 months	10
Family Visitor	C	VISIT - FAMILY VISIT		3	N	6 months	10
Business Visitor	C	VISIT - BUSINESS		3	N	6 months	10
Child Visitor	C	VISIT - CHILD ACCOMPANIED		3	N	6 months	add parent/ guardian names, passport nos
Child Visitor	C	VISIT - CHILD UNACCOMPANIED		3	N	6 months	10
Student Visitor	C	VISIT - STUDENT		3	N	6 months	10
Visitors for marriage	C	VISIT - MARRIAGE/CP		3	N	6 months	add initial and surname of intended spouse/ CP
Visitors for medical treatment	C	VISIT - MEDICAL TREATMENT		3	N	6 months	10
Approved Destination Status Agreement (ADS) China	C	VISIT - ADS		3	N	30 days	10
Diplomatic Couriers	C	VISIT - DIPLOMATIC COURIER		3	N	6 months	10
Academic Visitor	D	ACADEMIC VISITOR		3	Y	max 12 months	10
Parent accessing a child	D	RIGHT OF ACCESS TO A CHILD		1	N	1 year	10
MOD Training course for overseas forces	D	COURSE F		3	N	Other	(Up to 6 months)
MOD Training course for overseas forces	D	COURSE F		2	N	Other	(Over 6 months)
ECG 11 - Transit entry							
DATV	A	DIRECT AIRSIDE TRANSIT		3	N	3 months	11
Transit	B	VISIT - IN TRANSIT		3	N	48 hours	11

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ECG 12 - Entry for studies							
Student	D	STUDENT		2 Y	Other	(See Annex 12.2)	12
Sponsored Student	D	STUDENT (S)		2 Y	Other	(See Annex 12.2)	12
Prospective Student	D	PROSPECTIVE STUDENT		3 Y	6 months		12
Spouse/ CP/ Child of Student	D	STUDENT DEPENDANT		3 Y	Other		12
Spouse/ CP/ Child of Student	D	STUDENT DEPENDANT		1 Y	Other		12
Parent of a child at school	C	VISIT - CHILD AT SCHOOL		3 N	12 months		12
Exchange Student (at school)	D	EXCHANGE STUDENT		3 N	12 months		12
Student Union Sabbatical Officer*	D	SABBATICAL OFFICER		4 Y	12 months	(Use 'For Employment With' add 'Sabbatical Officer')	12
Students resitting exams*	D	STUDENT EXAM RESIT		2 N	Other	(Use 'Student' add 'to Re-sit Exam')	12
Students writing up a thesis*	D	STUDENT WRITING THESIS		2 Y	12 months	(Use 'Student' add 'to Write up a Thesis')	12
Student Nurse	D	STUDENT NURSE		2 Y	Other		12
Nurses doing Supervised practice	D	NURSES - SUPERVISED PRACTICE		2 Y	18 months		12
Overseas Qualified Midwife*	D	MIDWIFE - ADAPTATION PROGRAMME		2 Y	18 months		12
Overseas Qualified Nurse*	D	OVERSEAS NURSES PROGRAMME		2 Y	18 months		12
Postgrad doctor for PLAB test	D	PLAB TEST		4 N	6 months		12
Postgraduate Dentist	D	POST GRADUATE DENTIST		1 Y	2 years		12
Postgraduate Doctor	D	POST GRADUATE DOCTOR		1 Y	2 years		12
Postgraduate Trainee GP	D	POST GRADUATE GP		1 Y	2 years		12
Postgrad doctor clinical attachment	D	CLINICAL ATTACHMENT		4 N	max 6 weeks		12
Postgrad dentist clinical attachment	D	DENTAL OBSERVATION		4 N	max 6 weeks		12
ECG 13 - Settlement: fiance(e)s, proposed civil partners, spouses, civil partners, unmarried and same-sex partners							
Fiancee/ Proposed Civil Partner	D	MARRIAGE/CP		3 N	6 months	add initial and surname of fiance(e)/ proposed CP	13
Spouse/ CP view to settlement	D	SPOUSE/CP		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname - write DOB in passport	13
Settlement spouse/ CP for 4 years passed KOL	D	SETTLEMENT SPOUSE/CP		N	ILE	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	13
Settlement spouse/ CP for 4 years but need KOL	D	SETTLEMENT SPOUSE/CP(KOL REQ)		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	13
Settlement - partner less than 4 years	D	TO ACC PARTNER		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of partner	13
Settlement - partner less than 4 years	D	TO JOIN PARTNER		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of partner	13
Settlement - partner 4 years KOL taken	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC PARTNER - *		N	ILE	add initial and surname of partner	13
Settlement - partner 4 years but need KOL	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC PARTNER(KOL REQ)		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of partner	13
ECG 14 - Settlement entry for children							
Child - mother present and settled in UK	D	SETTLEMENT ACC FATHER TO JOIN MOTHER		N	ILE	add initial and surname of mother	14
Child - father present and settled in UK	D	SETTLEMENT ACC MOTHER TO JOIN FATHER		N	ILE	add initial and surname of father	14
Child - parent(s) present and settled in UK	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN PARENT(S)		N	ILE	add initial and surname of parent(s)	14
Child - parent admitted for settlement	D	SETTLEMENT ACCOMPANYING PARENT		N	ILE	add initial and surname of parent	14
Child - relative present and settled	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC RELATIVE		N	ILE	add initial and surname of relative	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO ACC FATHER/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO ACC MOTHER/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO JOIN FATHER/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO JOIN MOTHER/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child- view to settlement	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)/CYR		1 N	27 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child of fianc(e)/proposed CP- view to settlement	D	TO ACC FATHER/CYR		3 N	6 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child of fianc(e)/proposed CP- view to settlement	D	TO ACC MOTHER/CYR		3 N	6 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child of fianc(e)/proposed CP- view to settlement	D	TO JOIN FATHER/CYR		3 N	6 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child of fianc(e)/proposed CP- view to settlement	D	TO JOIN MOTHER/CYR		3 N	6 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Child coming to the UK to be adopted	D	FOR ADOPTION360/HO		1 N	2 years	(Mandatory deferral)	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO ACC FATHER/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO ACC MOTHER/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO JOIN FATHER/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO JOIN MOTHER/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
Adopted child - view to settlement	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)/CYR		1 N	12 months	add initial and surname of sponsor	14
ECG 15: Settlement entry: other dependent relatives							
Other dependent relatives - overage child	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN PARENT(S)		N	ILE	add initial and surname of parent(s)	15
Other dependent relatives - elderly parent	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC CHILD		N	ILE	add initial and surname of child	15
Other dependent relatives - grandparent	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC GRANDCHILD		N	ILE	add initial and surname of grandchild	15
Other dependent relatives	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC RELATIVE		N	ILE	add initial and surname of relative	15
Catch all for those joining relatives to settle	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC *		N	ILE	add initial and surname of sponsor	15

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ECG 16 - Family reunion							
Dependant of refugee with indefinite leave	D	FAMILY REUNION		N	ILE	add initial and surname of sponsor	16
Dependant of refugee with limited leave	D	FAMILY REUNION	1a	N	Other	add initial and surname of sponsor	16
Dependant of humanitarian protectee (post 30/08/05)	D	FAMILY REUNION	1a	N	Other	add initial and surname of sponsor	16
ECG 17 - Entry for employment: work permit							
Work Permit Holder	D	WORK PERMIT		2 Y	Other	add work permit no	17
Training and Work Experience	D	WORK PERMIT (TWES)		2 Y	Other	add work permit no	17
Spouses/ CP/ Child of work permit holder	D	WORK PERMIT DEPENDANT		1 Y	Other	add initial and surname of work permit holder	17
ECG 18 - Entry for non-work permit employment							
Employment - work permit not required	D	FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH		Y	Other	add name of Firm/ visa category	18
Dependent spouse/ CP	D	TO ACC SPOUSE/CP		Y	Other	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	18
Dependent spouse/ CP	D	TO JOIN SPOUSE/CP		Y	Other	add initial and surname of spouse/ CP	18
Dependent unmarried partner	D	TO ACC PARTNER		Y	Other	add initial and surname of partner	18
Dependent unmarried partner	D	TO JOIN PARTNER		Y	Other	add initial and surname of partner	18
Dependent child	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)		Y	Other	add initial and surname of working parent	18
Dependent child	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)		Y	Other	add initial and surname of working parent	18
SAWS	D	AGRICULTURAL WORKER	4	N	max 6 months		18
Airline Groundstaff	D	AIRLINE EMPLOYEE	4	Y	2 years	add 'ALE'	18
Au Pair	D	AU PAIR	4	Y	2 years	(Do not state employer)	18
Bunac Students	D	BUNAC STUDENT	4	N	6 months		18
China and Hong Kong work experience programme	D	CHINA WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME	4	Y	12 months		18
Servants in Diplomatic Households	D	DOMESTIC WORKER (DIPLOMATIC)	4	N	1 year	add name of overseas mission in UK	18
Servants in Private Households	D	DOMESTIC WORKER(OTHER)	4	Y	max 1 year	(Do not state employer)	18
Servants in Private Households	D	DOMESTIC WORKER(VISITOR)	4	N	6 months	(Do not state employer)	18
Spouses/ CP/ Child of ODW	D	DEPENDANT DOMESTIC WORKER OTHER	1	Y	max 1 year	add initial and surname of domestic worker	18
Spouses/ CP/ Child of ODW	D	DEPENDANT DOMESTIC WORKER VISITOR	3	N	6 months	add initial and surname of domestic worker	18
ECAA	D	ECAA BUSINESS		2 Y	1 year		18
Teachers and Language Assts	D	EMPLOYMENT (EXCHANGE TEACHER)		4 Y	Other	add name of School	18
Entertainers under permit free*	D	ENTERTAINER	1	N	max 6 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Internationally famous person*	D	ENTERTAINER	4	N	max 6 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Actors/ technicians/ directors*	D	ENTERTAINER	4	Y	12 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
GAP year student working in UK school	D	GAP YEAR ENTRANT	4	Y	1 year		18
International Association for Exchange *Students with Technical Experience	D	IAESTE	1	N	3 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Employee of Jewish Agency Israel*	D	JEWISH AGENCY	4	Y	12 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Members of religious orders - monks/ nuns	D	MEMBER OF RELIGIOUS ORDER	4	N	2 years		18
Members of religious orders -mormons	D	MEMBER OF RELIGIOUS ORDER	1	N	2 years		18
Ministers of religion	D	MINISTER OF RELIGION	4	N	2 years		18
Missionary	D	MISSIONARY	4	N	2 years		18
Visiting Religious Worker	D	RELIGIOUS WORKER	4	N	6 months		18
Non-pastoral religious worker	D	RELIGIOUS WORKER (NON-PASTORAL)	4	Y	1 year		18
Off-shore worker*	D	OFF-SHORE WORKER	2	N	1 year	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Representatives of overseas newspapers, news agencies and broadcasting organisations	D	OSEAS NEWS-PAPER/AGENCY/BCASTING	4	Y	2 years		18
Overseas government employees	D	OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE	4	Y	2 years		18
MP Research Assistant*	D	RESEARCH ASST TO MEM PARLIAMENT	4	Y	max 12 months	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Teacher at Rudolph Steiner School*	D	RUDOLPH STEINER ESTAB.	4	N	Other	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
Sole Representative	D	SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH	4	Y	2 years	add name of firm	18
Sportsmen permit free*	D	SPORTSPERSON	4	N	Other	(Use 'For Employment With')	18
UK Ancestry	D	UK ANCESTRY - EMPLOYMENT	1	Y	5 years		18
Japan Youth exchange scheme	D	UK/JAPAN YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEME	4	Y	1 year		18
Voluntary Worker	D	VOLUNTARY WORKER	4	Y	max 12 months		18
Working Holiday Maker	D	WORKING HOLIDAY	4+workhol	Y	2 years		18
Child of Working Holiday Maker(s)	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)	3	N	2 years	(in line with parent(s)'s leave)	18
Child of Working Holiday Maker(s)	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)	3	N	2 years	(in line with parent(s)'s leave)	18

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ECG 19 - Retired persons of independent means							
Retired persons of independent means	D	INDEPENDENT MEANS		3 Y	5 years		19
Spouse/ CP of retired person	D	TO ACC SPOUSE/CP		3 Y	5 years	add initial and surname of retired person	19
Spouse/ CP of retired person	D	TO JOIN SPOUSE/CP		3 Y	5 years	add initial and surname of retired person	19
Child of retired person	D	TO ACC PARENT(S)		3 Y	5 years	add initial and surname of retired person	19
Child of retired person	D	TO JOIN PARENT(S)		3 Y	5 years	add initial and surname of retired person	19
ECG 20 - Returning residents							
Returning residents	D	RETURNING RESIDENT		N	ILE	(Grant for 2 years from last departure from UK)	20
ECG 21 - The European dimension							
EEA Family Permit	D	EEA FP: FAMILY MEMBER		N	6 months	add To Join/ Acc (Name of EEA national)	21
EEA Family Permit - SWISS National	D	FAMILY MEMBER OF A SWISS NATIONAL		N	6 months	add To Join/ Acc (Name of Swiss national)	21
Swiss Posted Workers	D	FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH		4 N	90 days	add company Name 'SWISS POSTED WORKER'	21
EU Employer 'Van der Elst'	D	FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH		4 Y	Other	add company Name 'EU EMPLOYER'	21
Primary carer/ parent of an EEA child*	D	TO ACC EEA NATIONAL CHILD		3 Y	5 years	(Use 'Right of Access to a Child' add 'EEA national')	21
Primary carer/ parent of an EEA child*	D	TO JOIN EEA NATIONAL CHILD		3 Y	5 years	(Use 'Right of Access to a Child' add 'EEA national')	21
ECG 22 - Crew members							
Crew members - airmen	D	JOINING AIRCRAFT		7 N	OTHER	add name of Aircraft	22
Crew members - seamen	D	JOINING SHIP		7 N	OTHER	add name of Ship	22
ECG 29 - Settlement entry for former members of HM Forces and their dependants							
Settlement after discharge from Gurkhas	D	SETTLEMENT - AF		N	ILE		29
Settlement after discharge from HM Forces	D	SETTLEMENT - AF		N	ILE		29
Spouse/ CP of ex member of HM Forces	D	SETTLEMENT SPOUSE/CP		N	ILE	(where they've been married at least 2 years)	29
Spouse/ CP of ex member of HM Forces	D	SPOUSE/CP		1 N	2 years	(where they've not been married 2 years)	29
Children - mother discharged member of HM Forces	D	SETTLEMENT ACC FATHER TO JOIN MOTHER		N	ILE	add name of mother	29
Children - father discharged member of HM Forces	D	SETTLEMENT ACC MOTHER TO JOIN FATHER		N	ILE	add name of father	29
Children - parent(s) present and settled in UK	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN PARENT(S)		N	ILE	add name of parent(s)	29
Children - parent admitted for settlement	D	SETTLEMENT ACCOMPANYING PARENT		N	ILE	add name of parent(s)	29
Widow of member of armed forces	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC *		N	ILE	add name of relative in UK	29
Orphan of member of armed forces	D	SETTLEMENT TO JOIN/ACC *		N	ILE	add name of relative in UK	29
Points Based System							
PBS Tier 1 General (formerly HSMP)	D	TIER 1 (GENERAL) MIGRANT	1+doc	Y	3 years		PBS
PBS Tier 1 General dependent partner	D	TIER 1 (GENERAL) PARTNER	1+doc	Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 General dependent child	D	TIER 1 (GENERAL) CHILD		1 Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Entrepreneur	D	TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) MIGRANT	1+ownbus	Y	3 years		PBS
PBS Tier 1 Entrepreneur dependent partner	D	TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) PARTNER	1+unrestr	Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Entrepreneur dependent child	D	TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR) CHILD		1 Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Investor	D	TIER 1 (INVESTOR) MIGRANT	1+unrestr	Y	3 years		PBS
PBS Tier 1 Investor dependent partner	D	TIER 1 (INVESTOR) PARTNER	1+unrestr	Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Investor dependent child	D	TIER 1 (INVESTOR) CHILD		1 Y	3 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Post-Study Work	D	TIER 1 (POST STUDY) MIGRANT	1+unrestr	Y	2 years		PBS
PBS Tier 1 Post-Study dependent partner	D	TIER 1 (POST STUDY) PARTNER	1+unrestr	Y	2 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
PBS Tier 1 Post-Study dependent child	D	TIER 1 (POST STUDY) CHILD		1 Y	2 years	add initial and surname of migrant	PBS
* Endorsement not yet on Proviso - unless an alternative is stated please contact ECO Support for advice.							
Police registration is sometimes required for stays of more than 6 months for certain nationals aged 16 or over - see ECG 1.4							

Entry Clearance Codes and Conditions attached

Code 1	No recourse to public funds
Code 1a	Leave to enter until *
Code 2	No recourse to public funds. Work (and any changes must be authorised)
Code 3	No work or recourse to public funds
Code 4	No recourse to public funds. To work with * Changes must be authorised)
Code 7	No recourse to public funds. Must leave the UK in *
ILE	Indefinite leave to enter the UK
+ Pol	Police Registration within 7 days of arrival in the UK
+ Doc	No employment as a doctor in training
+ Ownbus	Work limited to own business
+ Unrestr	No restriction on employment
+ Workhol	To work as a working holiday maker.

Port and In-Country Endorsements

Code 5N	No work or recourse to public funds (arrival endorsement)
ILR	Indefinite leave to remain (in country endorsement)