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Visa and Work Permit requirements for UK musicians working in EU/EEA countries

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Introduction

All UK nationals holding a valid passport (with at least six months' validity) can travel for up to 90 days in a 180-day period in the Schengen area under the visa-waiver regime. However, since 1 January 2021, UK nationals seeking to work in the EU are considered third-country nationals and may need a visa and/or work permit to do so. These rules are set by each member state.

What is the difference between a visa and work permit?

A visa is a document which gives a person the right to enter or leave the country or territory for which it was issued.

A work permit is a generic term for any legal authorisation which allows a person to take up employment.

It is important to note that some countries use the terms 'visa' and 'permit' interchangeably.

About this document

The tables contained in this document provide an overview of the different requirements for entry visas and short-stay work permits for the 27 Member States of the EU together with Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. That includes details for non-Schengen Area countries like Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Romania.

Links are provided wherever possible to access further information and the details of all embassies are also included. We have collated this information from publicly available government sources for each country. In addition, for information on visas, we have consulted Article 6(3) of the Visa Code Handbook which can be found in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

In the absence of government guidance, we have tried our best to summarise a very complex issue. However, we are not immigration lawyers and cannot be absolutely certain that all the information provided is completely accurate, which is based on a vast amount of material available from each member state. The information was last updated on 11 February 2021 and will be regularly updated to reflect ongoing developments. If you spot anything we have potentially omitted, we would be grateful if you would share this with the ISM for review via membership@ism.org.

The following information is for your reference only and does not constitute legal or immigration advice. The ISM recommends that if you have any doubts about your eligibility to enter any country, you contact a suitably qualified migration expert for each individual country in good time prior to intended arrival. The ISM has partnered with Viva la Visa to offer free 30-minute consultations with their experts in worldwide visa and work permit procurement. Find out more about [joining the ISM](#) today.

Notes: All amounts in GBP are approximate.

Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Austria	Unclear. Article 6(3) of the Visa Code Handbook [visa exemptions, December 2020] states third country nationals need a visa. 'For other, merely temporary, independent or dependent employment, third country nationals may take up their activities only after a visa has been issued. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued.' <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Exemption from work permit if employed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day • or 4 weeks within an overall production 	'Such employment shall be notified by the event organiser and/or producer on the day of work take-up to the competent regional office of the public employment service (AMS).'	A Residence Permit – Artists (called a 'settlement permit – artists on the website) is required for both self-employed and employed roles.	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written contract • Proof of artistic education • Birth certificate • Proof of accommodation • Proof of health insurance • Proof of means of subsistence 	€120 for residence permit application. €20 for granting of the permit. €20 for fingerprints, scans of photos and signatures.



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Honorary consulates: Birmingham, Edinburgh, Manchester

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Belgium	No. However, Article 6(3) states, 'this could change in the last months of 2020, once there is more clarity on the new UK immigration policy.' (See Appendix 1)	Work permit exemption for up to 3 months for self-employed foreign artists in Brussels Region , Walloon Region , Flanders Region BUT NOT in the German Speaking Community. Work permit exemption for up to 21 days per quarter for ' artists of international renown ' and accompanying persons IN FLANDERS ONLY . Self-employed artists in the German Speaking Community require a professional card and residency.	Apply for a single permit through the employer to the relevant Region. (last updated August 2020) Walloon Region Flanders Region Brussels Region German Speaking Community	€90 for professional card in German Speaking Community. Cost of residency is unclear.

Belgium Embassy <https://unitedkingdom.diplomatie.belgium.be/en>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Bulgaria	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Unclear.	Long-term visa required.	Contact the Consular office by email specifying the purpose of the stay.	€100 for long term visa, up to 6 months. €200 for long term visa, up to 1 year.

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Croatia	No. <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Work registration certificate for contracted work for artists and technical staff for up to 30 days and also up to 90 days in a calendar year.	Issued by the Ministry of the Interior, through the police department.	Temporary residence and work permit (up to one year - long-term residence only applies after 5 years).	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of the purpose of stay. • Means of subsistence • Health insurance • Proof of no convictions 	Unclear for work registration certificate. HRK 350 (£40) temporary stay. HRK 240 (£28) biometric residence permit. HRK 70 (£8) admin fee.

Croatian Embassy <http://uk.mvep.hr/en/>

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Cyprus	Unclear. Visa information page on Ministry of Foreign Affairs page is 'currently under review. It will be made available in January 2021'. Cannot confirm if UK is on the list of countries needing visas. (See Appendix 1)	Entry and Temporary Residence and Employment Permit	Submitted by employer along with a contract of employment certified by Department of Labour Must register with District Office of Aliens and Immigration or Central Offices in Nicosia within 7 days of arrival for fingerprints and photos.	As per working less than 90 days. Maximum stay is 4 years.	€200 for entry permit, registration and temporary residence permit. €170 where single permit procedures don't apply.

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements for more than 90 days	Cost
Czech Republic	Unclear. ' Exemption from the requirement to hold a visa for short-term stays does not apply to third country nationals who intend to perform gainful activities in the territory of the Czech Republic. ' (See Appendix 1)	Work permit not required for performing artists working not more than 7 consecutive days or a total of 30 days in a calendar year. (Czech law 435/2004, Section 98d)	Employee card required – issued for specific job positions on a central vacancies database. Blue card for jobs requiring high qualifications – also issued for specific job positions. Issued for up to 1 year.	For Employee cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract or letter of intent (must earn at least minimum wage and work 15 hours per week) • Proof of accommodation • Criminal record extract For Blue cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract for at least 1 year (40 hours per week and salary 1.5 times the average yearly gross salary) • Degree certificates • Proof of accommodation • Criminal record extract Documents must be submitted in Czech	CZK 5000 (£170) for both employee cards and blue cards.



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Denmark	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	No work permit required for musicians , 'whose participation constitutes a substantial or essential part of a noteworthy artistic event.'	Special individual qualification work permit and residence for musicians (and conductors) who have a job offer – up to 1 year.	DKK 4295 (£500) for the special individual qualification work permit/residence.

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements for less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Estonia	<p>No for short stays.</p> <p>Unclear for stays over 90 days and no information in Article 6(3). (See Appendix 1)</p>	<p>‘Short-time employment in Estonia is permitted to an alien, who stays legally in Estonia on the temporary basis (for example, on the basis of a visa or visa-free)’</p>	<p>Employment must be registered with the Police and Border Guard Board before employment commences.</p> <p>BUT</p> <p>The employer of a person engaged in creative activities must be a performing arts institution for the purposes of the Performing Arts Institutions Act.</p>	<p>Unclear for longer stays, although short term employment ‘can be registered for up to 365 days during a 455-day period’.</p>	<p>€55 registration of short-term employment at a service office</p> <p>€48 registration of short-term employment at a self-service portal.</p>

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Honorary Consuls: Cheltenham, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Belfast, Jersey, Leeds

Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements.	Cost
France	<p><u>No for short stays.</u></p> <p>Long-stay visa for stays of more than 3 months.</p>	<p><u>Cultural events do not require a temporary work permit.</u></p>	<p>You will also need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of accommodation • Sufficient financial means • Return ticket or finances to purchase one • Document providing details of your profession and which organisations are expecting you • Health insurance 	<p><u>Employed and self-employed:</u> “passeport talent - profession artistique et culturelle” (Skilled residence permit – artistic and cultural profession) for up to 4 years</p> <p>“passeport talent” (no other statement) for stays between 3 and 12 months.</p>	<p>Certificate of registration from employer. Employment contract, Cerfa form completed and stamped by employer.</p> <p>Documents justifying status as an artist and the project in France for self-employed.</p> <p>For both – proof of finances for the stay (at least equivalent to 70% of minimum legal wage in France).</p> <p>(Complete the Visa Wizard for further details).</p>	<p>€99 for passport talent</p>

French Embassy <https://uk.ambafrance.org/>

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Finland	No. (See Appendix 1)	No residence permit needed if you have been invited to work in Finland or you have signed a contract to work in Finland and are a professional artist or support team for such a person.	Residence permit with confirmed employment before you can apply. (You may not work as a restaurant musician)	<p>You must work professionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educated to higher education level • member of artists' association or learned society • professional work history supported by documents • earn your living through work in the arts <p>Degree certificate</p> <p>Range of income requirements depending on the role.</p>	<p>€410 for residence permit (electronic application)</p> <p>€610 for residence permit (paper application)</p>

Finnish Embassy <https://finlandabroad.fi/web/gbr/frontpage>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Germany	<p>National visa for stays of over 90 days.</p> <p>Article 6(3) states, 'Some special activities are not regarded as paid activity under the national legislation. These persons may enter visa-free under the conditions specifically set out.' (See Appendix 1)</p>	<p>Exemptions for:</p> <p><u>'persons, including their auxiliary staff, who...are active...in performances of...artistic value...provided the duration of the activity does not exceed 90 days within a period of 12 months.'</u></p> <p><u>'Persons who are employed in the context of festivals or music and cultural days or are posted for guest performances or foreign film and television productions, if the duration of the activity does not exceed 90 days within a period of twelve months.'</u></p> <p><u>'People who appear in daily performances up to 15 days a year'</u> (for example, a musician performing at a wedding)</p>	<p><u>National D Visa</u> (also called a <u>Residence Permit Visa</u>)</p>	<p>You will also need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An employment contract • Original qualification certificates • Proof of employment status in the UK 	<p>€75 for the National D visa.</p>

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Greece	Unclear. Article 6 (3) 'So far, there is no final decision on the prerequisites for UK nationals who wish to carry out a paid activity.' <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	A residence permit is required for work in Greece. For stays of less than 90 days the conditions are unclear.	Special purpose residence permit for 'intellectual creators' including musicians and singers (1.2.8). A D-visa may also be needed for stays of over 90 days. Law no. 4251 Immigration and Social Integration Code and other provisions refers to both (Article 17 for special purpose residence permits; Article 18c for D visas)	Confirmation of health insurance. Employment contract lasting more than 3 months.	€16 to cover the cost of printing the residence permit.

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Hungary	No. However, Article 6(3) states, 'On visa we reserve the right to revisit our position on this issue in light of the evolution of relevant UK legislation and the ongoing negotiations on the future EU/UK relationship'. <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Unclear.	You may apply for a residence permit either through the employment route , or gainful activity route (for self-employed).	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of means of subsistence in Hungary • Proof of accommodation. • Proof of Health Insurance • Documents to evidence exit (i.e., ticket for departure) • Employment agreement (for employment route) • Business plan or contract for professional services or 'other reliable means' to verify your work (for gainful activity route) 	€60 for residence permit.

Hungarian Embassy

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Iceland	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). (See Appendix 1)	Exemption for musicians (excluding musicians employed to perform in catering establishments).	You must notify the Directorate of Labour before employment commences.	You must apply for a work permit (most likely 'for a job which requires expert knowledge but this is not clear) AND a residence permit. An application for a specialist licence must be submitted to the Directorate of Immigration for jobs which require expert knowledge. Arrangements for the self-employed are unclear.	Residence permit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal record certificate • Health insurance • Employment contract • Work permit application Work permit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract • Certified copy of diploma • If based on work experience, information about previous employment • Confirmation that employer will pay return travel 	15,000 ISK (£85) for temporary residence and work permit 45,000 ISK (£255) for expedited processing in addition to the 15,000 ISK above.

Embassy of Iceland

<https://www.government.is/diplomatic-missions/embassy-of-iceland-in-london/>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days
Ireland	No.	Under the Common Travel Area (CTA) , UK and Irish citizens can live and work freely in each other's countries and travel freely between them.



Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Italy	<p>No. “The exemption from the requirement for a short-stay visa will also apply in cases where British citizens enter Italy to perform paid work, subject to reciprocal arrangements for Italian citizens in the U.K.”</p> <p>Article 6(3) states, ‘[no] Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations.’ <i>(See Appendix 1)</i></p>	<p>Residence permits available for musicians, artistic and technical staff up to 1 year.</p> <p>(“Work special cases provided for in Article 27 of the Consolidated Immigration Act” option)</p>	<p>In the case of British citizens entering Italy to undertake paid work, there is a separate requirement to apply for a residence permit within eight working days of entering Italy.</p>	<p>For stays of more than 90 days, a National Visa will be also be required.</p>	<p>€ 30.46 for residence permit</p>



The Directorate General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies has an online questionnaire to help you determine which documents you need to apply for. It includes options for self-employed freelancers:

<https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en#BMQuestionario>

Italian Embassy https://amblondra.esteri.it/ambasciata_londra/en

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements for 90 days	Cost
Latvia	Unclear. Article 6(3) lists Latvia as a country where UK citizens require a visa, but Latvian consulate only refers to Schengen visas. (See Appendix 1)	Work permit exemption for artists whose performance in Latvia does not exceed 14 days per calendar year (Immigration Law, Chapter 1, Section 9.3.1).	Residence permit with right to employment required. Employed and self-employed options.	For the self-employed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of means of subsistence • Business plan approved by a sworn auditor • Proof of personal financial means for the activities in the business plan • Possibly a permit (the activities requiring this are unclear) 	€100 for residence permit (within 30 days). €200 (within 10 working days) €400 (within 5 working days)

Latvian Embassy <https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/london>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Lithuania	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). (See Appendix 1)	Unclear.	There are special conditions which apply to citizens of Australia, Japan, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand and South Korea. These conditions suggest that a work permit is not required in addition to the residence permit.	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract or relevant supporting documents for 'individual activity' • Proof of sufficient subsistence • Proof of accommodation • Written statement that you have no conviction record • Health insurance of at least €6000 	€120 for temporary residence permit ('general', within 3 months). €240 ('urgent', within 45 calendar days).

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Liechtenstein	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Short-term resident permit (L) for citizens gainfully employed in Liechtenstein and who do not live in the immediate border area and who cannot work as cross-border commuters. An L permit permits you to take up residence for a maximum of 12 months.	<u>You will need:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract • ‘Written justification’ • Proof of qualification • Criminal record extract <i>translated into German by a translation agency recognised in Liechtenstein</i> • Confirmation of AMS that there is no suitable permit-free candidate • Proof of funds • Proof of departure 	As per working less than 90 days.	Unclear.

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Luxembourg	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). (See Appendix 1)	Work permit exemption for workers in the entertainment industry without regular employment.	For self-employed and salaried third country nationals wanting to work in Luxembourg for more than 3 months you must apply for a temporary authorisation to stay at the Immigration Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs before entering the country.	<p>For salaried workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an original certificate from the National Employment Agency authorising the employer to hire a third-country national • Criminal record extract • CV • Copy of professional qualifications/diploma • Employment contract <p>For self-employed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible 'business permit of other authorisation' • Criminal record extract • CV • Business and financing plan • Proof of economic resources to carry out business project <p>After you have entered the country you must make a declaration of arrival, undergo a medical check and apply for a residence permit.</p>	Unclear for temporary authorisation to stay. €80 for residence permit application.



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Malta	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). (See Appendix 1)	Unclear.	<p>Employment licences are needed by all foreign nationals who want to work as self-employed in Malta. They are issued by Jobsplus. The Expatriates Unit then issues a residence permit.</p> <p>A Single Permit authorises third-country nationals to legally reside and take up employment in Malta for a defined period beyond 6 months. Applications for a residence permit has to be endorsed by the employer.</p> <p>Third-country nationals cannot submit an application for a single permit without having an employment offer in Malta.</p>	<p>€150 application for an employment licence</p> <p>€80 on issue of licence.</p> <p>€280.50 for a Single Permit.</p>

Malta High Commission

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Netherlands	No. Article 6(3) states, 'The Netherlands does not require a short-term visa for UK nationals carrying out a paid activity.' <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Employees who live abroad and who occasionally work in the Netherlands (i.e., musicians who come to perform) are exempt from work permits . For musicians who want to work for a maximum of 6 continuous weeks within a period of 13 weeks you must submit an application for work in paid employment . You do not need a Single Permit in this situation. For stays of up to 3 months a work permit is required (a TWV applied for by the employer).	It is not clear if there a minimum income requirement for stays of up to 3 months which require a work permit.	A single permit is required (a GVVA) consisting of a residence and work permit.	There is an income requirement depending on your role. Your income should be at least equal to the required amount for the permit you are applying for. You will also need to supply an employment contract and a resume.	€320 for a work permit. €320 for single work/residence permit.



Netherlands Embassy <https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/united-kingdom/about-us/embassy-in-london>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Norway	No. (See Appendix 1)	You do not need a permit if you have concerts or performances in Norway for a maximum of 14 days in any one calendar year.	You must notify the police in writing before you enter Norway.	You must have received an offer of full-time employment (for musicians and dance band 21 hours per week is sufficient). For the self-employed you must have entered into a contract to carry out an assignment for business in Norway.	The job offer must be for a specific, continuous period of time. Musicians and their accompanying staff must have at least NOK 253, 378 per year, pre-tax (approx. £21,710)	€6300 (£540)



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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements for more than 90 days	Cost
Poland	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Performing artistic services, solo or in troupes, are exempt from a work permit for up to 30 days in any calendar year.	For longer stays, a work permit and temporary residence are required. Conditions for the self-employed are unclear.	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of residence • Proof of stable and regular income to cover living expenses • Proof of health insurance 	PLN 440 (£86) stamp duty. PLN 50 (£10) residence card.

Polish Embassy <https://www.gov.pl/web/unitedkingdom/embassy-london>

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Portugal	Yes. Article 6(3) states, 'Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations.' <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	A temporary stay national visa is required for stays of up to one year. There are options for both 'independent activity' and 'performers...carrying out highly qualified activity.'	You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket. • Travel insurance including medical cover. • Request for consultation of Portuguese criminal record. • Criminal record certificate from country of origin. • Proof of means of subsistence. • Promise of employment contract <p><i>May also need a mandatory prior opinion from the Ministry of Education and Science when there is doubt about the scope of this activity.</i></p>	As per working less than 90 days. A residence stay visa is needed for stays over 1 year.	€75 temporary stay visa. €90 residence visa.

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements for less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Romania	Unclear. Article 6(3) refers to international transport workers and goes on to say, 'short-term stays for business purposes will not need a visa' but it is unclear if this relates to all business or just transport workers. <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Work permit not required for 'foreigners performing artistic activities in cultural institutions in Romania, based on the order of the Minister of Culture.' 'You have to find an employer and pass the tests required by them. If they decide to hire you, they will obtain the work permit.' You will also need a long stay visa for employment purposes . The long stay visa is granted for a period of 90 days.	To obtain a long stay visa you also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the work permit. • Proof of financial means of support. • Criminal record certificate. • Medical insurance for the duration of the visa. 	Unclear. Possibly need to apply for a single permit (right to residence) at least 30 days before the long stay visa expires.	€120 for long stay visa.



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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Slovakia	Unclear. Article 6(3) refers to international transport workers being exempt from visa requirements for paid activity during a short stay but does not mention other businesses. <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Temporary residence can be granted by a police department to a third country national for the purposes of business, employment and 'special activity' (which includes artistic activity as per Article 25 of Act 404/2011 <i>[document at bottom of page]</i> (Consular page last updated June 2020)	The application should be made to the consulate. You will also need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal records extract. • Proof of accommodation. For self-employed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business plan. • Bank statement for last 3 months. For employed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work contract. • Proof of salary or bank statement. 	As per working less than 90 days.	Unclear.

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Slovenia	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	If you intend to work or be employed in Slovenia you must obtain a single residence and work permit (up to 1 year). An application to obtain a permit may be submitted by you or your employer. You apply abroad for the first permit, and your employer can apply in Slovenia.	You will need to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provable purpose of residence. • Adequate health insurance. • Sufficient means of subsistence (equal to minimum wage of €1024.24 for 2021). • Evidence of no criminal convictions or proceedings against you (must be certified and translated into Slovenian). • Fingerprints. 	As per working less than 90 days.	€13 application form. €102 temporary residence permit. Cost of work permit is unclear. A single permit issued in Slovenia is €70.

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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Spain	Yes. Article 6(3) states, 'Spain reserves its right to take a decision in due time depending, among other aspects, UK national (migratory) measures related to EU citizens, reciprocity and the overall EU-UK negotiations.' (See Appendix 1)	Applicants who will perform or work in Spain for no more than 5 consecutive days or 20 performance days (rehearsals do not count in this) within a period of 6 months and who are not staying in Spain for more than 90 days must apply for a C-type EET visa with exemption of authorisation for work . [last drop down item on the list].	You need to provide a work contract or invitation letter stating the exact number of days you are working or performing in Spain. Apply through BLS International .	If you are eligible for an EET visa but need to stay in Spain for more than 90 days you need to apply for a D-type visa with exemption of authorisation for work . If you do not qualify for the visa with exemption for work, you have to apply for a D-type work with fix-term contract visa.	For the D-type visa with exemption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment contract • Certificate of criminal record. A sworn translation into Spanish is also required • Medical certificate with specific wording For D-type visa fix-term contract : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation of residence and employment for a determined duration • Employment contract • Document signed by worker agreeing to return to home country at end of contract • Certificate of criminal record. A sworn translation into Spanish is also required • Medical certificate with specific wording After obtaining this visa, you have one month from the date of entry into Spain to process the TIE – Foreigner Identity Card at the Immigration Office or Police Station.	£232 for visas under working permit exemption regulation. £189 fix-term contract work visa.



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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Additional requirements	Working more than 90 days	Additional requirements	Cost
Sweden	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	Exemption for work permits if you are going to work temporarily in Sweden for a maximum of 14 days over a period of 12 months. Applies to you as a performer, your technicians and other tour staff.	There must be an invitation from an established organiser .	Special rules apply to work permits for singers, musicians, technicians and those in similar roles.	To obtain a permit, you need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a contract with the organiser in Sweden • a written offer of work in Sweden • terms of employment that are at least at the same level as Swedish collective agreements or what is customary in the profession or industry • a salary that is at least SEK 13,000 (approx. £1130) per month before tax <p>You can apply online through the e-service (an email is required from your employer with a link) or in person.</p> <p>In order to receive a work permit, your employer must be planning to sign you up for health insurance, life insurance, occupational injury insurance, and occupational pension insurance when your employment begins. The insurance must be valid starting the day that your employment begins.</p>	SEK 1,500 (£130) for a performer's work permit.



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Country	Entry visa required	Working less than 90 days	Working more than 90 days	Cost
Switzerland	Unclear. No information in Article 6(3). <i>(See Appendix 1)</i>	<p>UK nationals coming to Switzerland to work from 1 January 2021 are third-country nationals. They must apply for a permit from the cantonal immigration and labour market authorities prior to taking up employment.</p> <p>From 1 January 2021 only essential managers and specialists from the UK will be admitted to work here provided this is in Switzerland's overall economic interest. Persons with specialist professional knowledge or skills may be admitted if it can be shown that these skills are required.</p> <p>UK citizens taking up employment in Switzerland for a maximum period of three months can no longer use the notification procedure. These citizens need to have a work permit under the terms of the Foreign Nationals and Integration Act (FNIA).</p> <p>The employer in Switzerland must make an application to the competent authorities.</p> <p>There is temporary Services Mobility Agreement between Switzerland and the UK but musicians are not listed in the occupations within the document and so it is believed this agreement does not apply to musicians.</p>	As per working for less than 90 days.	Unclear.

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APPENDIX 1

Exceptions to the exemption from the visa requirement in accordance with Article 6(3) from the [Visa Code Handbook](#)

4.1 Persons carrying out a paid activity during their stay (UK citizens) December 2020

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/apply_for_a_visa_en (There are [national derogations from the visa requirements](#) for certain travellers)

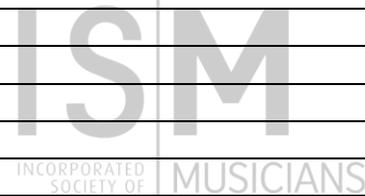
Visas needed for paid work by UK citizens	Notes
Austria	"For other, merely temporary, independent or dependent employment, third country nationals may take up their activities only after a visa has been issued. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued."
Czech Republic	"Paid activity does not mean activities carried out by performing artists...such activities carried out in the Czech Republic shall not exceed seven consecutive calendar days or the total of 30 days in one calendar year."
Germany	"Some special activities are not regarded as paid activity under the national legislation. These persons may enter visa-free under the conditions specifically set out."
Latvia	<i>No further information. Latvian consulate only refers to Schengen visas.</i>
Portugal	"Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations."
Romania	"Regarding the particular case of international transport workers, this category does not fall under our legislation's provisions of paid activity for short stays (no more than 90 days in any 180-day period), hence it doesn't trigger the visa requirement imposed for other persons carrying out a paid activity in Romania. Short-term stays for business purposes will not need a visa."
Spain	"Spain reserves its right to take a decision in due time depending, among other aspects, UK national (migratory) measures related to EU citizens, reciprocity and the overall EU-UK negotiations."

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Visas not needed for paid work by UK citizens	Notes
Belgium	"this could change in the last months of 2020, once there is more clarity on the new UK immigration policy."
Croatia	
Finland	"A residence permit for an employed person is required in order to work."
Hungary	"On visa we reserve the right to revisit our position on this issue in light of the evolution of relevant UK legislation and the ongoing negotiations on the future EU/UK relationship".
Italy	"Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations."
Netherlands	"The Netherlands does not require a short term visa for UK nationals carrying out a paid activity."
Norway	"A residence permit is required. Certain foreigners who do not have an employer in Norway, are exempted from the requirement of a residence permit for work up to three months. The exemption applies to a number of categories, including: personnel on foreign trains, aircraft, buses and trucks in international traffic."
Slovakia	"International transport workers fall under the definition of paid activity and according to SK national legislation are exempted from visa requirement in connection to paid activity during a short stay."

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Countries with no visa information listed for paid employment for UK citizens	Notes
Bulgaria	
Cyprus	
Denmark	
Estonia	
France	
Greece	"So far, there is no final decision on the prerequisites for UK nationals who wish to carry out a paid activity."
Iceland	
Lichtenstein	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	
Malta	
Poland	
Slovenia	
Sweden	
Switzerland	



'The exception to the exemption from the visa requirement in Article 6(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 ('persons travelling for the purpose of carrying out a paid activity') should be interpreted narrowly. In particular, it should not concern persons employed or exercising an independent activity in their country of residence who have to travel for professional purposes. **In that sense, and in accordance with the Visa Waiver Agreements concluded by the EU with certain third countries, this exception should not cover:.. sports persons and artists performing an activity on an ad hoc basis;**' (Visa Code Handbook, Section 3.2.1).