

Passports, Immigration & Nationality

Intra-CTA Travel: Document Requirements

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The Isle of Man Government is committed to strengthening the security of our border, and to ensuring we have the ability to identify people who have no right to enter the Isle of Man.

The Isle of Man Government is also committed to protecting the **Common Travel Area (CTA)**, the rights of British and Irish citizens, and the CTA as a travel zone with the minimum number of restrictions on passengers possible. We must prevent abuse of the CTA to protect it. This document aims to ensure passengers have sufficient clarity on what they need to do when travelling from one part of the CTA to another. Particularly British and Irish citizens who continue to benefit from their important CTA rights.

There is no routine immigration control of travel within the Common Travel Area. However, people will be required to present certain documents if they are encountered by an Immigration officer, **when entering the Isle of Man from another part of the CTA, as part of an intelligence-led immigration control.**

In line with the UK and Channel Islands, the Isle of Man Government **has begun phasing out the acceptance of EU, EEA and Swiss national identity cards as a valid travel document for entry to the Isle of Man since 1st October 2021.**

British and Irish citizens on journeys from the Republic of Ireland will be able to use other types of documents to confirm their identity and nationality if they are asked by an Immigration Officer – this does not have to be a passport or passport card, but they may use one if they wish. This could include:

- a valid passport or passport card (if you're Irish)
- a copy of your passport or passport card with your identity and nationality clearly visible
- an expired passport or passport card, which the Immigration Officer is satisfied was issued to you originally
- evidence of having obtained British or Irish citizenship

This list is not exhaustive and other documents, including providing more than one, may be accepted. These are considered on a case by case basis.

Certain EU, EEA or Swiss nationals can use an EU, EEA or Swiss ID card to enter the Isle of Man if they:

- Have settled or pre-settled status under the Isle of Man's EU Settlement Scheme or the UK, Jersey or Guernsey settlement schemes.
- Have an EU Settlement Scheme Family permit or the equivalent from the UK, Jersey or Guernsey.

If you're waiting for a decision on your application for settled or pre-settled status you can still use your EEA or Swiss national identity card to enter the Isle of Man if all of the following are true:

- you've applied for settled or pre-settled status under the Isle of Man's EU Settlement Scheme, or the UK, Jersey or Guernsey settlement schemes
- you have a valid pending application to one of the above settlement schemes
- you're not applying as a joining family member

In these cases, you can continue to use your national ID card to enter the Isle of Man until at least 31 December 2025.

People travelling from the UK or one of the Channel Islands will not be required to show a passport when encountered by an Immigration Officer. They may be required to present a document confirming their identity. This could include:

- a valid passport or passport card (if you're Irish)
- a copy of your passport or passport card with your identity clearly visible
- an expired passport or passport card, which an Immigration Officer is satisfied was issued to you originally
- a driving licence
- an armed forces identity card
- Gibraltar identity card (If you're British)

This list is not exhaustive and other proof may be accepted. This will be considered on a case by case basis.

You may also need to show that you have permission to enter the Isle of Man such as:

- a biometric residence permit
- proof of your [digital status \(or eVisa\)](#)
- a vignette in your passport
- confirmation of immigration permission from the UK, Jersey or Guernsey.

This list is not exhaustive and you may be able to confirm you have permission to enter the Isle of Man in another way. Your circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis by an Immigration Officer.

Those who cannot provide the required documents or satisfy an Immigration Officer of their status may be refused entry and expected to leave the Isle of Man.

For more information, please see below links to the UK Government website:

Entering the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/before-you-leave-for-the-uk>

Travelling between the UK and Ireland, Isle of Man, Guernsey or Jersey:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travelling-between-the-uk-and-ireland-isle-of-man-guernsey-or-jersey>

Common Travel Area: rights of UK and Irish citizens:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-travel-area-guidance>

Visiting the UK as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visiting-the-uk-as-an-eu-eea-or-swiss-citizen>