

Immigration Service, Isle of Man Borders

Intra-CTA Travel: **Document requirements from 01 October 2021**

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.

In line with the UK and Channel Islands, the Isle of Man Government is phasing out the acceptance of EU, EEA and Swiss national identity cards as a valid travel document for entry to the Isle of Man from 1st October 2021, due to concerns about their security, and we do not want travel via the CTA to undermine the impact of these changes.

To ensure passengers have sufficient clarity on what they need to do when travelling from one part of the CTA to another, in particular British and Irish citizens who continue to benefit from their important CTA rights, the Isle of Man Government is confirming the documents that people will be required to present when entering the Isle of Man from another part of the CTA as part of an intelligence-led immigration control if they are encountered by an Immigration officer.

As now, there will be no routine immigration controls on CTA journeys.

- From 1st October 2021, most people travelling to the Isle of Man via Ireland who are not British or Irish citizens will need to show a valid passport on arrival when required by an Immigration Officer. The document must be valid for the whole time individuals are on the Island.
- EU, EEA and Swiss citizens will only be able to continue to present an ID card if they have a valid pending application to the EU Settlement Scheme or otherwise have protected rights under the Citizens' Rights Agreements.
- Those who have equivalent immigration permission granted by the UK or the Channel Islands or a valid pending application to one of the UK or Channel Islands' EU Settlement Schemes will also be able to continue to present an ID card.

- British and Irish citizens on journeys from the Republic of Ireland will be able to use other types of document 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. Individuals may have other documents such as a verifiable copy of the individual’s original passport or passport card, or their expired passport or passport card, provided that the one or more documents they use satisfactorily confirm the person’s nationality and identity. However, this is not a definitive list, and Immigration Officers will assess each case on its individual merits.
- 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 document could be, for example: a copy of the individual’s passport or passport card with their identity clearly visible, an expired passport or passport card, which the Immigration Officer must be satisfied was issued to the individual originally, a driving licence and/or an armed forces identity card. This list is not exhaustive and other forms of identification may be considered on a case-by-case basis. They will also need to satisfy the Immigration Officer whether they require immigration permission, and if so that they hold such permission. This does not have to be on the basis of a passport. Individuals may have other ways to prove their status, for example a valid Biometric Residence Permit, a vignette in their passport, evidence of existing digital status, or confirmation of existing status from the UK or one of the Channel Islands.
- British citizens in possession of Gibraltar Identity Cards will also still be able to present those cards when travelling from another part of the CTA if they are asked for a document by an Immigration Officer.
- Irish citizens in possession of an Irish passport card will still be able to use these cards when travelling from another part of the CTA if they are asked for a document by an Immigration Officer. They will also be able to use an Irish passport card when travelling to the Isle of Man from outside the CTA.

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>