

## Title

# CA 24 2024 Change in visa requirements for nationals of Colombia travelling to the United Kingdom.

## Summary

Colombia will become a visa mandatory country from 15:00hrs (GMT) on 26 November 2024. Some exemptions may apply during the transition period.

## Main text

With effect from 15:00hrs (GMT) on **26 November 2024**, unless they are exempt from UK visa requirements, nationals of Colombia seeking to enter the United Kingdom, must be in possession of a valid United Kingdom visa/entry clearance.

### Passengers in Transit

From 00:01hrs (GMT) on **27 November 2024**, unless they are exempt from UK visa requirements, nationals of Colombia seeking to transit airside through the United Kingdom, must be in possession of a Direct Airside Transit visa (DATV). There are exceptions to the DATV requirement for holders of other status documents. These are listed on the UK visa requirements information card found at [UK visa requirements \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk). Nationals of Colombia holding the documents listed do not require a DATV to transit airside through the United Kingdom.

### Transition period:

There will be a transition period from 15:00hrs (GMT) **26 November 2024** until 15:00hrs (GMT) **24 December 2024** for nationals of Colombia seeking to enter the UK, during which passengers who booked their travel before 15:00hrs (GMT) 26 November 2024 who arrive in the United Kingdom before 15:00hrs (GMT) **24 December 2024** may travel without a visa and Carriers Liability charges will not apply. However, carriers will need to be satisfied that the above criteria have been met.

Where a passenger's booking is made after 15:00hrs (GMT) on 26 November 2024 or they travel to the United Kingdom after 15:00hrs (GMT) 24 December 2024 without the requisite visa, Carriers Liability charges may apply.

There will also be a transition period from 00:01hrs (GMT) 27 November 2024 until 23:59hrs (GMT) 24 December 2024 for nationals of Colombia seeking to transit the UK airside to an onward destination. Colombian nationals who pre-booked to transit

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airside prior to 00:01hrs (GMT) 27 November 2024 for arrival in the UK for transit before 23:59 (GMT) 24 December 2024 may travel without a Direct Airside Transit visa.

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