



OVERSEAS PARTICIPANT GUIDE



VISA APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR NON-EEA PARTICIPANTS

BRIGHTON FRINGE

INTRODUCTION

Brighton Fringe has been granted PERMIT FREE STATUS from the Home Office. Since May 2012 Brighton Fringe has been included on the UK Border Agency's annual list of permit free festivals and cultural events.

If you would like to participate in Brighton Fringe 2018 and reside in a NON-EEA country this document will outline the necessary steps and provisions that you will need to take in order to enter the UK.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA AND SWITZERLAND

Most citizens of the EEA and Switzerland are free to enter and live in the UK without applying for permission and in most cases are also able to take part in Brighton Fringe without needing any visa or work permit.

This is the case for citizens of the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

VISA NATIONALS

If you are a Visa National you WILL need to obtain a visa before travelling to the UK. The type of visa you should apply for is a STANDARD VISITOR VISA.

This applies if you are a citizen of one of the following countries:

Afghanistan	People's Republic of	Guinea Bissau
Albania	China	Guyana
Algeria	Colombia	Haiti
Angola	Comoros	India
Armenia	Congo	Indonesia
Azerbaijan	Cuba	Iran
Bahrain	Democratic Republic of	Iraq
Bangladesh	the Congo	Ivory Coast
Belarus	Djibouti	Jamaica
Benin	Dominican Republic	Jordan
Bhutan	Ecuador	Kazakhstan
Bolivia	Egypt	Kenya
Bosnia Herzegovina	Equatorial Guinea	Korea (North)
Burkina Faso	Eritrea	Kosovo
Burma	Ethiopia	Kuwait
Burundi	Fiji	Kyrgyzstan
Cambodia	Gabon	Laos
Cameroon	Gambia	Lebanon
Cape Verde	Georgia	Lesotho
Central African Republic	Ghana	Liberia
Chad	Guinea	Libya

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Macedonia	Russia	Tanzania
Madagascar	Rwanda	Thailand
Malawi	Sao Tome e Principe	Togo
Mali	Saudi Arabia	Tunisia
Mauritania	Senegal	Turkey
Moldova	Serbia	Turkmenistan
Mongolia	Sierra Leone	Uganda
Montenegro	Somalia	Ukraine
Morocco	South Africa	United Arab Emirates
Mozambique	South Sudan	Uzbekistan
Nepal	Sri Lanka	Venezuela
Niger	Sudan	Vietnam
Nigeria	Suriname	Yemen
Oman	Swaziland	Zambia
Pakistan	Syria	Zimbabwe
Peru	Taiwan	
Philippines	Tajikistan	
Qatar		

NON VISA NATIONALS

Any country not listed above including citizens of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA DO NOT need to apply for a visa before travelling to Brighton Fringe.

On arrival at the border, you can seek entry as an ENTERTAINER VISITOR at a PERMIT FREE FESTIVAL and you should have supporting documentation with you to confirm that this is the purpose of your trip.

How and where do I apply for my visa?

The application for a Standard Visitor Visa can be made at any UK visa application centre or online. Further details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

If your country does not have the online application facility, please complete a Visa Application Form. This needs to be signed and presented **in person** at a Visa Application Centre.

Biometrics

All visa applications will require you to attend your local Visa Application Centre (VAC) to submit your biometric details (10 digit finger print scans and a digital photograph) as part of your application process. Your application cannot be assessed until these details have been submitted.

How long will it take to process my visa?

You can apply for a visa up to three months before you travel and you should allow weeks rather than days for the process to be completed. You will need to submit your passport as part of the visa application process.

To find out processing times for the country that you are applying from, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>

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What documents will I need to support my application?

When you fill in your visa application form either online or on paper, it will outline exactly what supporting documentation you will need, including passports, evidence of funds, photographs & proof of booked accommodation for your stay.

You will also need a letter of invitation and you should contact your venue to obtain this welcome letter. Please send an e-mail to takepart@brightonfringe.org if you need help with this.

The letter of invitation from your venue should state that you are performing with them as part of Brighton Fringe and should include the following information:

Show name

Company name and address

Venue name and address in which you are performing

Dates and times of Brighton Fringe performances

Names, dates of birth and passport numbers of performers and production team who will be attending Brighton Fringe

Main contact details while you are in the UK

To support your visa application, you may also want to present your venue contract which confirms that you are booked to perform.

Brighton Fringe can also provide a letter confirming that you are registered with Brighton Fringe.

GUIDELINES INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT DO NOT COVER:

- Individuals coming to work at Brighton Fringe who are not connected to a registered show e.g. those working at a venue or in a bar
- Any shows that have not been registered with Brighton Fringe
- Any performances or activities outside Brighton Fringe e.g. tours or engagements before or after the festival or appearances at other festivals
- [Foreign Entertainers Tax](#) – please see the separate information available on our website

For individual advice you should contact your local UK embassy or consulate or an immigration lawyer.

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Where we have done our best to ensure the information in this guide is accurate, laws and legalities on entering the UK are subject to change. Brighton Fringe are not responsible for any inaccurate information and would recommend you seek advice from an Embassy, Consulate or immigration lawyer.