

Checklist for international attendees coming to the UK for WOMEX 24.

Please make sure you have read the visa guidelines for WOMEX 24 attendees. This provides an overview of what you need to consider before coming to the UK and if you need to obtain a visa before travel https://www.womex.com/take_part/register/visa.

What entry route are you choosing to come to the UK?

All nationals need to identify the entry route they are using to travel to the UK as everyone will be expected to show evidence of how they meet the eligibility requirements. For people who must obtain a visa before travel, this will be done at a visa application centre (VAC) and everyone else must be prepared to present their evidence at the UK border control on arrival.

The entry routes for WOMEX attendees will be to come to the UK as either:

- A Standard Visitor – and permitted to do certain [business activities](#) for up to 6 months. No payment can be received for doing these activities unless you are performing at an event listed on the [Permit Free Festival list](#).
- A Standard Visitor – and visit for paid engagement or event (a [permitted paid engagement](#)) for up to 6 months but the engagement must be done in the first 30 days of your visit. You can also do any of the permitted business activities listed other than study, which would include attending/participating/performing at WOMEX 24.
- [A Creative Worker](#) – applicable for people working in the UK and making a unique contribution to the UK's rich cultural life such as an artist, dancer, musician or entertainer for up to 12 months. Non-visa nationals can use a Temporary Work – Creative Worker visa concession for up to 3 months. This route requires a certificate of sponsorship from a licenced sponsor.

Documents you must provide as evidence to prove eligibility:

The table below outlines the documents ALL international attendees must carry with them and present at the UK border on arrival. This alters depending on the route chosen. Those applying for a visa in advance of travel will have to provide these documents at a visa application centre (VAC) as well. These documents show how you meet the eligibility requirements and provide evidence of the purpose of your visit and show you are a genuine visitor and don't intend to stay in the UK.

At the UK border, officers will ask what you intend to do in the UK and assess whether you meet the eligibility requirements as a [Standard Visitor](#) or [Creative Worker](#). It is important that everyone is prepared to be questioned and has printed copies of the documents to show the UK border officers.

See table on next page.

If you have any questions concerning UK entry requirements, please contact our local partner via email address visas@englishfolkexpo.com.

Table – Documents you must provide depending on the UK entry route people take to come to the UK.

	Standard Visitor – permitted business activities		Standard Visitor – permitted paid engagement		Creative Worker (temporary work)	
	Visa national	Non-visa national	Visa national	Non-visa national	Visa national	Non-visa national (if coming to the UK for less than 3 months)
WOMEX to supply	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p> <p>WOMEX visa invitation letter (includes passport information).</p>	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p>	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p> <p>WOMEX visa invitation letter (includes passport information).</p>	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p>	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p> <p>WOMEX visa invitation letter (includes passport information).</p>	<p>WOMEX letter confirming attendance as artist, delegate, speaker or member of support crew. This is available to download from your virtualWOMEX account.</p>
Other UK organisations to supply	If performing at permit free festival, require an invitation letter from the	If performing at permit free festival, require an invitation letter from the	Formal invitation letter from a UK-based creative company who is paying you,	Formal invitation letter from a UK-based creative company who is paying you,	Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) issued by a UK registered organisation	Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) issued by a UK registered organisation

	organisers confirming their permit-free status.	organisers confirming their permit-free status.	outlining dates and how the event/engagement directly relates to your expertise, qualification and main job in home country.	outlining dates and how the event/engagement directly relates to your expertise, qualification and main job in home country.	relating to work you plan to do in the UK. NB. EEx is an UK registered A-rated sponsor & can issue CoS at cost.	relating to work you plan to do in the UK. NB. EEx is an UK registered A-rated sponsor & can issue CoS at cost.
Provided by applicant	Passport, valid for the duration of stay, and at least one blank page. Copies of previous passports showing evidence of travel to other countries. Confirmation of legal residence, if	Passport, valid for the duration of stay.	Evidence of professional status in home country – publicity materials, awards, programmes, media coverage etc. Passport, valid for the duration of stay, and at least one blank page. Copies of previous passports showing evidence of travel to other countries. Confirmation of legal residence, if you are not a national of the	Evidence of professional status in home country – publicity materials, awards, programmes, media coverage etc. Passport, valid for the duration of stay.	Passport, valid for the duration of stay, and at least one blank page. Copies of previous passports showing evidence of travel to other countries. Confirmation of legal residence, if you are not a national of the	Passport, valid for the duration of stay.

	<p>you are not a national of the country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Financial documents - bank statements from last 3 months and recommended to have at least double expect trip to cost. Proof of earnings, such as letter from employer confirming employment details.</p> <p>Letter outlining details of financial support &</p>	<p>country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Financial documents - bank statements from last 3 months and recommended to have at least double expect trip to cost. Proof of earnings, such as letter from employer confirming employment details.</p> <p>Letter outlining details of financial support & relationship to you,</p>	<p>country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Financial documents - bank statements from last 3 months and recommended to have at least double expect trip to cost. Proof of earnings, such as letter from employer confirming employment details.</p> <p>Letter outlining details of financial support & relationship to you,</p>	<p>country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Financial documents - bank statements from last 3 months and recommended to have at least double expect trip to cost. Proof of earnings, such as letter from employer confirming employment details.</p> <p>Letter outlining details of financial support & relationship to you,</p>	<p>country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Letter confirming CoS unique reference and</p>	<p>country in which you are applying. Documents proving your circumstances in your home country, including employment on company headed paper.</p> <p>Letter confirming CoS unique reference and</p>
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	<p>relationship to you, if someone else is funding your visit to the UK.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p>	<p>if someone else is funding your visit to the UK.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p> <p>Electronic Travel Authorization if applicable.</p>	<p>if someone else is funding your visit to the UK.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p>	<p>if someone else is funding your visit to the UK.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p> <p>Electronic Travel Authorization if applicable.</p>	<p>maintenance has been certified.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p>	<p>maintenance has been certified.</p> <p>Proof of onward travel – flight itinerary, schedule, tickets.</p> <p>Accommodation booking with name and address to show where you'll reside in UK.</p> <p>Electronic Travel Authorization if applicable.</p>
<p>Provide at visa application centre</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed with staples removed.</p> <p>Biometrics (fingerprints).</p> <p>Photograph(s).</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed with staples removed.</p> <p>Biometrics (fingerprints).</p> <p>Photograph(s).</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed with staples removed.</p> <p>Biometrics (fingerprints).</p> <p>Photograph(s).</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

<p>Present at UK border</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>Valid UK Visa.</p> <p>Must see a border official & get stamp in passport.</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>For people from eligible countries, eGates can be used.</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>Valid UK Visa.</p> <p>Must see a border official & get stamp in passport.</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>For people from eligible countries, eGates can be used.</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>Valid UK visa.</p> <p>Must see a border official & get stamp in passport.</p>	<p>Printed copies of the documents listed above, printed preferably.</p> <p>Passport valid for duration of stay.</p> <p>Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS).</p> <p>Must see a border official & get stamp in passport.</p>
<p>Important information.</p>			<p>When you leave, you are not travelling through Ireland, Isle of Man, or Channel Islands.</p>			<p>If travelling to the UK from Ireland using the concession you must apply for remote clearance at least 72 hours prior to arriving in UK.</p>