

Consultation Offices and online information on visa issues in EU countries

France

Artistes etrangers

French information website for visa und artists' mobility, supported by the French Ministry of Culture www.artistes-etrangers.eu

Artist Visas Committee

France and Francophonie www.zonefranche.com/comite-visas-artistes.php

Austria

Artist Mobility

Information about entry, residence, and work for foreign artists
www.artistmobility.at/home.html

Ireland

Citizens Information Board

All information about entry and visa procedures can be found on the central website of the Citizens Information Board, a national agency of the Irish Government:

www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country/moving_to_ireland/coming_to_live_in_ireland/visa_requirements_for_entering_ireland.html

The UK of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UK Border Agency

UK Border Agency – general information about entry and visa procedures for the UK:

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/visitingtheuk/entertainer-artist.pdf

Since October 1st 2012 new regulations apply for the issuance of visa of artists when travelling to the UK:

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/modernised/visiting/entertainer-visitors.pdf?view=Binary

Exceptional permissions can be issued if, e.g. a regular visa application was not in time due to illness or when necessary documents could not be submitted in due time because of acts of nature (fire, floods, etc.) However, not more than 300 exceptional permissions for artists' visa are issued that are quoted and distributed per quota via the Arts Council England: 150 from October 1st 2012 until April 5th 2013 and 150 for the time between April 6th 2013 and September 30th 2013.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/t1-exceptional-talent-guide.pdf>

Manifesto Club

The not-for-profit organization coordinated the "Visiting Artists Campaign", speaking against restrictive procedures, which led to a revision for artists on October 1st 2012:

www.manifestoclub.com/node/893

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