

United Kingdom:

Do's and Don'ts

I) Check UK Government Website:

- Check the UK Government website www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration for necessary information on conditions of entry into the UK, including required documentation, banned or restricted goods, and currency. Students should consult Universities in advance for all necessary documentation.

II) Check Covid-related Protocols:

- At present, you do not need to complete a passenger locator form, take any Covid-19 related tests, or quarantine on arrival. This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. However, Covid-19 related protocols for entering the UK change from time to time. It is always useful to check the latest guidelines before travelling, at: www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19

III) Observe Financial Regulations:

- You must declare cash of £10,000 or more to UK customs if you're carrying it between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and a country outside the UK. The earliest you can make a declaration is 72 hours before you plan to travel.
- Use authorized banking channels for transactions including bringing money in the UK, as well as sending remittances to Pakistan

IV) Observe Local Laws:

- Rule of law is strictly observed in the UK. Always abide by UK authorities' rules and regulations.
- Committing certain offences and resultant conviction may on occasion lead to deportation.

V) Observe Traffic Rules:

- There are very strict measures (both fine and imprisonment) for violating traffic rules and regulations in UK.

- Driving under Influence (prohibited drugs/ alcohol) is heavily punished with fine and imprisonment.
- Unnecessary honking is strictly discouraged and disliked.

VI) Abide by University Rules and Regulations:

- Students must follow University guidelines regarding attendance, course requirements and general discipline.

VII) Beware of Online Scams:

- Beware of online scams such as prizes, sweepstakes, lotteries, internet services, businesses, job opportunities and online shopping.
- Always perform due diligence and verification in financial matters including over the internet banking to avoid being scammed.

VIII) General Etiquette:

Do:

- The British are courteous people. Endeavour to keep interactions polite and friendly, even under pressure. Humor and humility help. Rudeness is remembered.
- Greet people, as per custom, with a simple hello, followed by a handshake, if you are meeting someone new.
- Be patient and respect the processes in place, for example, queing at public places.
- Acknowledge where a person is from in the UK, but do not draw upon stereotypes to distinguish them.
- Keep an umbrella as weather is unpredictable.
- Take meeting appointments seriously and be punctual.

Avoid:

- Overt display of anger or emotion.
- Discussing contentious issues publicly.
- Asking personal questions when meeting someone new, including relationship and financial status.