

# UK-SWITZERLAND SERVICES MOBILITY TEMPORARY AGREEMENT AS EXTENDED TO GIBRALTAR

## PROVISIONAL GUIDE TO THE TEMPORARY ENTRY AND STAY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES IN GIBRALTAR OF NATURAL PERSONS FROM **SWITZERLAND**

1. As from 01 January 2021 Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar(HMGoG) will allow the supply of services in Gibraltar by Swiss contractual service suppliers or independent professionals through the presence of natural persons in accordance with Article 12 of the UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Temporary Agreement for the sectors listed in this Guide but subject to the relevant reservations listed in paragraph 14 and the Table at the end of this Guide.
2. The list of reservations in paragraph 14 of this Guide is composed of the following elements:
  - (a) the first column indicating the sector or sub-sector for which the category of contractual service suppliers and independent professionals are liberalised; and
  - (b) the second column describing the applicable limitations.
3. The Government may adopt or maintain a measure relating to qualification requirements, qualification procedures, technical standards, licensing requirements or licensing procedures that does not constitute a limitation within the meaning of Article 12 of the UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Temporary Agreement. Those measures, which include requirements to obtain a licence, to obtain recognition of qualifications in regulated sectors or to pass specific examinations, even if not listed, apply in any case to Swiss contractual service suppliers or independent professionals.
4. The Government does not recognise contractual service suppliers and independent professionals in economic activities which are not listed.
5. HMGoG will not allow contractual service suppliers and independent professionals to supply services where the intent or effect of their temporary presence is to interfere with, or otherwise affect the outcome of, any labour or management dispute or negotiation.
6. Swiss service suppliers are not required to meet English language requirements as a condition of temporary entry.
7. The following abbreviations are used in the list below in paragraph 8: CSS Contractual service suppliers; IP Independent professionals; Contractual service suppliers.  
**Contractual service suppliers.**
8. Subject to the conditions in paragraphs 9 and 10 and the list of reservations in paragraph 14 of this Guide, HMGoG recognises Article 12 of the Agreement with

respect to the category of contractual service suppliers in the following sectors or sub-sectors:

- (a) legal advisory services in respect of public international law and foreign law;
- (b) accounting and auditing services and bookkeeping services;
- (c) taxation advisory services;
- (d) architectural services and urban planning and landscape architectural services;
- (e) engineering services and integrated engineering services;
- (f) computer and related services;
- (g) research and development services;
- (h) advertising services;
- (i) market research and opinion polling services;
- (j) management consulting services;
- (k) services related to management consulting;
- (l) technical testing and analysis services;
- (m) related scientific and technical consulting services;
- (n) mining;
- (o) maintenance and repair of vessels;
- (p) maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment;
- (q) maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and road transport equipment;
- (r) maintenance and repair of aircrafts and parts thereof;
- (s) maintenance and repair of metal products, of (non-office) machinery, of (non-transport and non-office) equipment and of personal and household goods;
- (t) translation and interpretation services;
- (u) telecommunication services;
- (v) postal and courier services;
- (w) site investigation work;
- (x) environmental services;

- (y) insurance and insurance related services advisory and consulting services;
- (z) other financial services advisory and consulting services;
- (aa) transport advisory and consulting services;
- (bb) travel agencies and tour operators services;
- (cc) tourist guides services; and
- (dd) manufacturing advisory and consulting services.

9. Swiss contractual service suppliers must comply with the following conditions-

the natural persons are engaged in the supply of a service on a temporary basis as employees of a juridical person which has obtained a service contract not exceeding 12 months;

the natural persons entering Gibraltar have been offering such services as employees of the juridical person supplying the services for at least the year immediately preceding the date of the submission of an application for entry into Gibraltar and possess, at the date of submission of an application for entry into Gibraltar at least three years' professional experience (Footnote 1) in the sector of activity which is the subject of the contract;

the natural persons entering Gibraltar must possess-

a university degree or a qualification demonstrating knowledge of an equivalent level; (Footnote 2 ) and

the professional qualification to exercise an activity where this is required pursuant to the laws, regulations or legal requirements of Gibraltar;

the natural person must not receive remuneration for the provision of services in Gibraltar other than the remuneration paid by the enterprise employing the natural person;

the access accorded relates only to the service activity which is the subject of the contract and does not confer entitlement to exercise the UK or Gibraltar professional title where the service is provided; and

the number of persons covered by the service contract shall not be larger than necessary to fulfil the contract, as it may be requested by the laws, regulations or other legal requirements of Gibraltar.

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<sup>1</sup> Professional experience shall be obtained after having reached the age of majority.

<sup>2</sup> Where the degree or qualification has not been obtained in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, the Government may evaluate whether this is equivalent to a university degree.

10. The permissible length of stay of contractual service suppliers is for a cumulative period of not more than 12 months in any 24 month period or for the duration of the contract, whichever is less.

**Independent professionals.**

11. Subject to the conditions in this Guide and the list of reservations in paragraph 14, the Government recognises Article 12 of the UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Temporary Agreement with respect to the category of independent professionals in the following sectors or sub-sectors-

- (a) legal advisory services in respect of public international law and foreign law;
- (b) architectural services and urban planning and landscape architectural services;
- (c) engineering services and integrated engineering services;
- (d) computer and related services;
- (e) research and development services;
- (f) market research and opinion polling services;
- (g) management consulting services;
- (h) services related to management consulting;
- (i) mining;
- (j) translation and interpretation services;
- (k) telecommunication services;
- (l) postal and courier services;
- (m) insurance related services advisory and consulting services;
- (n) other financial services advisory and consulting services;
- (o) transport advisory and consulting services; and
- (p) manufacturing advisory and consulting services.

12. The independent professionals shall comply with the following conditions:

the natural persons are engaged in the supply of a service on a temporary basis as self-employed persons established in Switzerland and have obtained a service contract for a period not exceeding 12 months;

the natural persons entering Gibraltar possess, at the date of submission of an application for entry into Gibraltar, at least six years' professional experience in the sector of activity which is the subject of the contract.

the natural persons entering Gibraltar possesses-

a university degree or a qualification demonstrating knowledge of an equivalent level; (Footnote 3) and

the professional qualifications to exercise an activity where this is required pursuant to the law, regulations or other legal requirements of Gibraltar and

the access accorded relates only to the service activity which is the subject of the contract and does not confer entitlement to exercise the professional title of Gibraltar.

13. The permissible length of stay of independent professionals is for a cumulative period of not more than twelve months in any 24 month period or for the duration of the contract, whichever is less.

14. These are the reservations referred to in this Guide:

### **Definitions**

“Agreement” means the Temporary Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Services Mobility done at London on 14 December 2020;

“contractual service supplier” means a natural person employed by a juridical person of Switzerland that-

(i) is itself not an agency for placement and supply services of personnel and is not acting through such an agency;

(ii) has not established in Gibraltar; and

(iii) has concluded a bona fide contract to supply a service to a final consumer of Gibraltar, requiring the presence on a temporary basis of its employees in Gibraltar in order to fulfil the contract to supply the service in question; (Footnote 4)

“Government” means Her Majesty’s Government of Gibraltar;

“independent professionals” means natural persons who-

(i) are engaged in the supply of a service and established as self-employed in of Switzerland;

(ii) have not established in Gibraltar; and

(iii) have concluded a bona fide contract (other than through an agency for placement and supply services of personnel) to supply a service to a final consumer

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<sup>3</sup> Where the degree or qualification has not been obtained in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, the Government may evaluate whether this is equivalent to a university degree required in its territory

<sup>4</sup> The contract to supply services referred to in subparagraph (a)(iii) shall comply with the requirements of the laws and regulations that apply in the place where the contract is executed.

in Gibraltar, requiring the presence on a temporary basis in Gibraltar in order to fulfil the contract to supply the service in question; (Footnote 5)

“juridical person of Switzerland” means a juridical person that carries out substantial business activities in of Switzerland, the concept of “substantial business activities in Switzerland” requiring that the juridical person has a genuine link to the economy of Switzerland;

“mutatis mutandis” means with the technical changes necessary to apply the UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Temporary Agreement as if it had been concluded between Gibraltar and the Swiss Confederation;

“natural person of Switzerland” means a national of Switzerland or a permanent resident of Switzerland, in accordance with its applicable laws and regulations; and

“service supplier of Switzerland” means a natural person of Switzerland who is a contractual service supplier or an independent professional;

Switzerland means the Swiss Confederation.

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<sup>5</sup> The contract to supply services referred to in subparagraph (b)(iii) shall comply with the requirements of the laws and regulations that apply in the place where the contract is executed.

**TABLE**

Sector or sub-sector (Footnote 6)	Description of reservations
Legal advisory services in respect of public international law and foreign law (part of CPC 861)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Accounting and auditing services and bookkeeping services  (CPC 86211, 86212, 86213, 86219 and 86220)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Taxation advisory services (CPC 863) (Footnote 7)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Architectural services and Urban planning and landscape architectural services (CPC 8671 and 8674)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Engineering services and Integrated engineering services (CPC 8672 and 8673)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Computer and related services (CPC 84)	CSS: None.  IP: None.

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<sup>6</sup> “CPC” means the Provisional Central Product Classification (Statistical Papers Series M No. 77, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, Statistical Office of the United Nations, New York, 1991).

<sup>7</sup> Taxation advisory services does not include legal advisory and legal representational services on tax matters, which are under legal advisory services in respect of public international law and foreign law.

Research and development services (CPC 851, 852 excluding psychologists services, (Footnote 8) and 853)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Advertising services (CPC 871)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Market research and opinion polling services (CPC 864)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Management consulting services (CPC 865)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Services related to management consulting (CPC 866)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Technical testing and analysis services (CPC 8676)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Related scientific and technical consulting services (CPC 8675)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Mining (CPC 883, advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Maintenance and repair of vessels (part of CPC 8868)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.

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<sup>8</sup> Part of CPC 85201, which is under medical and dental services.  
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Maintenance and repair of rail transport equipment (part of CPC 8868)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and road transport equipment (CPC 6112, 6122, part of 8867 and part of 8868)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Maintenance and repair of aircraft and parts thereof (part of CPC 8868)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Maintenance and repair of metal products, of (non-office) machinery, of (non-transport and non-office) equipment and of personal and household goods (Footnote 9)(CPC 633, 7545, 8861, 8862, 8864, 8865 and 8866)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Translation and interpretation services (CPC 87905, excluding official or certified activities)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Telecommunication services (CPC 7544, advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Postal and courier services (CPC 751, advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Site investigation work (CPC 5111)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.

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<sup>9</sup> Maintenance and repair services of office machinery and equipment including computers (CPC 845) are under computer services.

Environmental services (CPC 9401, 9402, 9403, 9404, part of 94060, 9405, part of 9406 and 9409)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Insurance and insurance related services (advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Other financial services (advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Transport (CPC 71, 72, 73, and 74, advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.
Travel agencies and tour operators services (including tour managers (Footnote 10) (CPC 7471)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Tourist guides services (CPC 7472)	CSS: None.  IP: Unbound.
Manufacturing (CPC 884, and 885, advisory and consulting services only)	CSS: None.  IP: None.

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<sup>10</sup> Services suppliers whose function is to accompany a tour group of a minimum of ten natural persons, without acting as guides in specific locations.  
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