

Countries of Risk for variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD)

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United Kingdom (U.K.):

Qualification of vCJD risk:

If donor spent a total of 3 months or more in the U.K. from 1/1/1980 through 12/31/1996.

OR

If donor received a transfusion in the U.K. any time since 1/1/1980.

The United Kingdom includes the following locations:

Alderny Island

Britain

British Isles

Channel Islands

England

Falkland Islands

Gibraltar

Great Britain

Guernsey Island

Hebrides Islands

Herm Island

Ireland (Northern)

Islas Malvinas (Falkland Islands)

Isle of Man

Jersey Island

Northern Ireland

Orkney Islands

Sark Island

Scotland

Shetland Islands

Wales

France & Ireland:

Qualification of vCJD risk:

If donor spent a total of 5 years or more in France or Ireland from 1/1/1980 through 12/31/2001.

OR

If donor received a transfusion in France or Ireland any time since 1/1/1980.

France includes the island of Corsica.

France does not include the overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, and Reunion.

Ireland (the Republic of Ireland) does not include Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K.

No longer deferred as per the 2020 FDA Guidance changes:

- Donors who have spent 5 years or more in Europe from 1980-present.
- Donors who lived in any U.S. Military bases in Northern Europe (Germany, U.K., Belgium, and the Netherlands) for 6 months or more from 1980 through 1990
- Donors who lived in any U.S. Military bases elsewhere in Europe (Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, and Italy) for 6 months or more from 1980 through 1996.