Temporary absence table

We have produced this table to illustrate and help identify the differences that now exist between temporary absences within GB and outside of GB.

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| Circumstances of absence | Within Great Britain | Outside Great Britain |
| A person detained on remand pending trial or sentence upon conviction or as a condition of bail to reside in a dwelling other than their home | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person in a hospital or similar institution as a patient | 52 weeks | 26 weeks |
| A person, their partner or dependent child undergoing medical treatment, medically approved convalescence in accommodation other than residential accommodation | 52 weeks | 26 weeks |
| A training course  | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person who is absent and undertaking medically approved care of a person residing in GB or elsewhere | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person who is caring for child whose parent or guardian is temporarily absent from the home of that parent or guardian and receiving medically approved care or medical treatment | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person who is receiving medically approved care provided in accommodation other than residential accommodation | 52 weeks | 26 weeks |
| An eligible student | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person who is receiving care in residential accommodation and is not staying on a trial basis to ascertain if the accommodation suits his needs | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |
| A person who has left their home through fear of violence | 52 weeks | 26 weeks |
| A person who enters residential accommodation on a trial basis to ascertain if it meets their needs with the intention of returning home | 52 weeks | 4 weeks |

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| Circumstances of absence | Within Great Britain | Outside of Great Britain |
| A person who is absent from GB in connection with the death of their partner or a child for whom he or his partner is responsible, the persons close relative, a close relative of the persons partner or a close relative of a child or young person for whom the person or persons partner is responsible | 13 weeks | 4 weeks plus additional 4 weeks if the Decision Maker considers it unreasonable for the claimant to return home within the first 4 weeks |
| A member of Her Majesty’s forces posted overseas | 13 weeks | 26 weeks |
| A mariner | 13 weeks | 26 weeks |
| Continental shelf worker  | 13 weeks | 26 weeks |
| Any other temporary absence e.g. holiday  | 13 weeks | 4 weeks |