



## Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) Countries of Risk

You are **not** eligible to donate if:

- From January 1, 1980, through December 31, 1996, you spent (visited or lived) a cumulative time of 3 months or more, in the United Kingdom (UK), or
- From January 1, 1980, to present, you had a blood transfusion in any country(ies) in the (UK) or France. The UK includes any of the countries listed below.

### **vCJD countries of risk - United Kingdom**

Channel Islands	Isle of Man
England	Northern Ireland
Falkland Islands	Scotland
Gibraltar	Wales

- You were a member of the of the U.S. military, a civilian military employee, or a dependent of a member of the U.S. military who spent a total time of 6 months on or associated with a military base in any of the following areas during the specified time frames

From 1980 through 1990	Belgium, the Netherlands (Holland), or Germany
From 1980 through 1996	Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Italy or Greece.

- You spent (visited or lived) a cumulative time of 5 years or more from January 1, 1980, to present, in any combination of country(ies) in Europe, including
  - in the UK from 1980 through 1996 as listed above
  - on or associated with military bases as described above, and
  - in other countries in Europe as listed below:

### **vCJD countries of risk -Europe**

Albania	Greece	Poland
Austria	Hungary	Portugal, including the Azores
Belgium	Republic of Ireland	Romania
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Italy	Serbia
Bulgaria	Kosovo	Slovak-Republic
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Spain, including the Canary Islands and Spanish North African territories
Denmark	Macedonia	Sweden
Finland	Montenegro	Switzerland
France, including its overseas departments (e.g., Martinique and others)	Netherlands	Yugoslavia (or the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia)
Germany	Norway	

\*List prepared from the FDA Guidance for Industry "[Revised Preventive Measures to Reduce the Possible Risk of Transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease and Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease by Blood and Blood Products](#)," updated January 2016, and further modified to include current geo-political names.