

EU EXIT UPDATE 5

Information correct as at 16 July 2019

Introduction

This update provides a reminder of key actions to take in the lead up to 31 October - EU Exit Day. If you require further information you should consult the comprehensive [EU Exit Update 4](#) (dated 10 May 2019).

Key information and actions to take:

Immigration & the EU Settlement Scheme	<p>Applications to the EU Settlement Scheme are now open and will remain so until at least 31 December 2020. If you have dependants who are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals who have been to the UK previously, they are able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme now.</p> <p>If you are currently on assignment within the EU, EEA or Switzerland with dependants who are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals they will be able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme once they have been to the UK. They will be able to return under current rules until 29 Mar 2022 even if they have not lived here before.</p> <p>If you are currently on assignment overseas outside of the EU, EEA or Switzerland with dependants who are EU, EEA or Swiss nationals who cannot demonstrate they were in the UK prior to posting, they will need to travel back to the UK before Exit Day (currently 31 October 19) to qualify for the EU Settlement Scheme.</p> <p>If your dependant is unable to demonstrate that they were in the UK before posting you should contact the EU Exit Team at SPOEEUX-EUExitGrpMailbox@mod.gov.uk with the subject "EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME".</p>
Passports	<p>In the months leading up to EU Exit you should continue to ensure your passport will be valid for travel after the UK leaves the EU using the passport checker on the gov.uk website (www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport).</p> <p>You will need to have 6 months left from the day of your arrival, excluding any extra months added if you renewed your passport early.</p>
Driving	<p>From the date that the UK leaves the EU, you may need to hold the following to drive legally in an EU country:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An International Driving Permit from a UK Post Office or Forces Post Office that sells them, if required by the country you will be driving in. The table below provides details of which International Driving Permit you will need for each country. Further information is provided in the relevant DIN. Service personnel and UK Civil Servants who require an International Driving Permit in connection with their duties can reclaim the cost via JPA or HRMS.• A 'green card' (or multiple green cards) demonstrating proof of insurance for your vehicle(s).• A GB sticker for your car, even if you have a GB identifier on your number plate.
Tax free goods and vehicles	<p>Please be aware that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October 2019, the rules on the movement of personal effects and motor vehicles to the UK from the EU will change. These changes will bring the rules governing transfer of vehicles and personal effects from EU countries into line with those covering non-EU countries.</p> <p>In this situation any personal effects or vehicles that you return to the UK after EU Exit, that you were previously able to purchase and return to the UK without having to pay customs duty or import VAT, may need to meet the criteria for Transfer of Residence relief (www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-transfer-of-residence-tor-relief-tor01).</p>
Kindergeld	<p>For those personnel in Germany, if you are leaving Germany before the UK leaves the EU you will need to cancel your Kindergeld payments or you will be liable to repay any payments you received after you left Germany.</p> <p>In the event of the UK leaving the EU without a deal, your Kindergeld payments will cease automatically so you will not need to take action. This will only apply to those remaining in Germany.</p>
Privately owned weapons	<p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, you will need to follow UK import/export rules and the licencing rules of individual EU countries if you are travelling with a privately-owned firearm or shotgun.</p>
Travelling with pets	<p>If you are expecting to travel with a pet to the EU after the UK leaves the EU, you should take the necessary steps to ensure your pet can travel in the event of No Deal. This process can take over 4 months, so if you are expecting to have to travel soon after 31 October 2019 you should begin in good time.</p>

Breakdown of IDP requirements in the EU, EEA and Switzerland after the UK leaves the EU

Country	Do I need an IDP?		Remarks
	if you have a paper license:	If you have a photocard license:	
Austria	Yes - 1968 IDP	Not required for visits up to 6 months. 1968 IDP. required for longer visits.	
Belgium	Not required for visit up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visit up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Bulgaria	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Croatia	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Cyprus	Yes - 1949 IDP*	Yes - 1949 IDP*	*Exemption applies for those based in Cyprus.
Czech Republic	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Denmark	Not required for visits up to 90 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 90 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Estonia	Yes - 1968 IDP	No	
Finland	No	No	
France	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Germany	Yes - 1968 IDP*	Not required for visits up to 6 months. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.*	*Exemption applies for those based in Germany.
Greece	Yes - 1968 IDP	No	
Hungary	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Iceland	Not required for visits up to 1 month. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 1 month. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	
Ireland	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	

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Italy	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Latvia	Yes - 1968 IDP	No	
Liechtenstein	Yes - 1926 IDP	Yes - 1926 IDP	
Lithuania	Yes - 1968 IDP	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Luxembourg	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Malta	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 12 months. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.	
Netherlands	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Norway	Yes - 1968 IDP	Not required for visits up to 90 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Poland	Yes - 1968 IDP	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Portugal	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 185 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Romania	Yes - 1968 IDP	No	
Slovakia	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Slovenia	Not required for visits up to 90 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	Not required for visits up to 90 days. 1968 IDP required for longer visits.	
Spain	An IDP will not be required for the first 9 months after EU Exit Day and then for visits up to 6 months. 1949 IDP required for longer visits.		
Sweden	Yes - 1968 IDP	Yes - 1968 IDP	
Switzerland	No	No	