

LIVE FACEBOOK Q&A READOUT – 23/01/2019 – British Embassy Paris

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
If the PM really cares about us (which I don't think she does) why are our rights not being ring fenced?	Dear Ian, thanks for your question. In both a deal and no-deal scenario the UK and France have been clear that people should be able to continue to live, work and have access to services and healthcare as now. We've outlined how we would do that in all scenarios and the French law, which finished its passage through the Parliament last week, gives them the power to do the same. I hope that provides some reassurance.
Will you fight to ensure the rights of UK citizens based in France to vote?	Hello Julie - I'm not sure if you mean ability to vote in British or French elections so will answer for both. For British elections you are probably aware of the 15 year rule. The Government is supporting the Overseas Electors Private Members Bill in Parliament which would give votes for life. This bill recently reached the Report stage in the House of Commons. In terms of France we have asked the French government to consider a bilateral agreement to permit voting in each other's domestic elections, but we want to be honest with you that the current provisions are based on the Constitution so it is not easy to change. We'll update once they have come back to us.

I ask again since no one has replied to my previous polite requests what about those of us who do not qualify for a Carte de séjour ?

Thanks for the question David. This will of course depend on your individual circumstances so do get in touch with the team (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) to talk that through. But as a matter of general principle the French are clear they do not expect people who are already here to have to leave – so we are encouraging them to make that clear in the new registration system they will put in place.

And what about UK driving licences? I have read after 29 march if no deal, they will be invalid and we will have to take a driving test in France! Can you clarify this please, as the waiting times currently for French driving licences to exchange are over a year long!

Hi Rachel, thanks for asking about using UK driving licences in the event of no deal. The French Government have given official advice on this here: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire>. We have produced an unofficial translation here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767737/Driving_Licenses.odt As you'll see they advise that for tourists UK licences remain valid and that for residents you will need to exchange your licence and that they will provide information in due course on the process to follow. For those who arrive after Brexit they will have a year to exchange their licence during which it remains valid. Hope that helps.

I cannot join you & there are no meetings in my area, so can I please put forward a Q now? If the deal is agreed, will the pet passport system still stand as it is now? If no deal, please clarify the system as I travel often with my dogs &

Dear Helen. I'm sorry that the meetings are not near you - we'll be announcing more in the coming days so hopefully one will be. Turning to your question. We know that this is an important issue for pet owners who travel between the EU and the UK with their

need to take them to UK in April. They are up to date with rabies & all injections. The info given out is a bit confusing. It implies that we would need a blood test & to wait 3 months despite having a PP (mine is from UK) & this would suffice provided there are no breaks in rabies vac. Then it implies we need a medical certificate from France & then another from UK before our return. Is this correct or does the PP count as a certificate? It all seems over the top & a money making scheme for vets. We can't be expected to pay out for blood tests now just in case, we need proper answers, but I can't risk them being refused in April despite up to date Pet Passports. It's a right mess! I've travelled all over Europe with my dogs no problems. Thank you for some clarification

pets and our objective, whatever the outcome of the negotiations, is for pet owners to be able to continue to do so with the minimum disruption. There may be some changes to the system as the UK will no longer be part of the EU but we want to limit these as far as possible. Under the withdrawal agreement, the pet passport scheme will stay in place until the end of the implementation period (end 2020) during which time the new system will be negotiated.

You are right that the situation is more complicated in the event of a no deal - and we do need to prepare for all eventualities in the short term at least as, while we have said we will recognise pet passports from EU countries, we do not know what approach EU countries will take to UK-issued passports like yours. That is why we have published information (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>) on the contingency procedures to follow in the worst case no deal scenario whereby the UK is treated as an unlisted country. That does mean that if you know you need to travel in April it would be worth contacting your vet now.

What support will be given to Brits living in France . We had to wait 5 months for an appointment for residency, the prefecture wasn't aware of the requirements (fortunately we were) Some British had been refused on unsupported grounds!!!! . The 2 year wait for driving licenses.....The French can apply online for residency in the UK. It's hard enough for the British now, what support will be given post brexit?

Hi Kaye. Thank you for your question about issues with local Prefectures. We are in regular contact with the Ministry of Interior about this and it would be great if you can let us know (use this form www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) where you are having problems so we can feed that in. We've seen some improvement on the back of this, for example around Bordeaux, but there's a lot more work to do. The same goes for your point about being

	<p>refused on unsupported grounds - let us know about it on the form and we'll follow-up.</p> <p>On the registration process we are also encouraging them to keep the new system they bring in as light touch as possible, and will be sharing that information as soon as they confirm. You can stay up to date on their site https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit and sign up for updates to our Living in France Guide https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Hope this helps.</p>
<p>Farcical waste of time. Nothing concrete to tell us or any solid reassurances to offer. And why why why haven't you scheduled any meetings in Lille? Plenty of UK citizens living in the area who can't just pop off down to the Dordogne and especially not to listen to a whole lot of not a lot! 😞</p>	<p>Hi Lis, thanks for your question. Completely understand you can't get down to the Dordogne! We are making plans for further outreach in the North of France, including Lille in the near future - dates to follow. Please continue to follow our events page where all details will be made available: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/information-and-events-for-british-citizens-in-france</p>
<p>Hello, Regarding driving licence exchange: I believe the advice from both Europe & UK is to exchange your UK licence for one in your EU country of residence. The current waiting times for responses to applications in Nantes CERT are *very* long Qn: What will be the situation after Brexit day (deal AND no deal options) for those still awaiting acknowledgment? I'd like to know if I'll still be allowed to use my current UK licence to</p>	<p>Hi Alley – thanks for your question about driving licences. I'm sorry to hear about the long waits – as others have raised. The French government's official advice can be held here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire. We have produced an unofficial translation here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767737/Driving_Licenses.odt In</p>

<p>drive, insure my car etc after Brexit day even if I've still heard nothing about my French licence?! Will UK licences still be exchangeable without retesting in France post-Brexit? How do we prepare ourselves properly when so much is out of our hands and we're adding pressure to a system that's already overloaded? My application was received in October 2018 and I've not heard anything about it except the returned AR slip. I've since heard of numerous people still waiting for responses from early 2018 and even a few since 2017! But others are already in the system and getting replies after applying as late as Nov 2018! Thank you in advance for your reply.</p>	<p>terms of your situation, where you have already requested the transfer, our advice would be to use your acknowledgement slip to drive for the twelve months validity period. We would not expect the form of Brexit to make any difference to that – though of course in a deal scenario there will be a transition period during which there will be no change for driving licences. For those who arrive after Brexit they will have a year to exchange their licence, during which it remains valid. And licences will continue to remain valid for tourists. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>Hello. In the event of a no-deal will there still be a transition period? Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question Rosemary. The Withdrawal Agreement provides for a transition period, which will last until 31 December 2020. That is not the case in a no deal scenario so changes will begin earlier.</p>
<p>I currently have a dossier for naturalisation with the prefecture. My husband is not part of the dossier. Should I start a procedure for a carte de sejour for him please?</p>	<p>Hi Jane, thanks for getting in touch. The French authorities' recommendation is to apply for a carte de sejour, although it is for you to decide whether you would like to apply now or wait for the new system – in either case we would recommend getting your paperwork in order and ready now. More information is available on the Living in France Guide, including a link to the French Brexit website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france</p>
<p>In the event of a no deal Brexit UK citizens are advised to obtain an international driving licence before travelling to</p>	<p>Hi John. We will continue to allow French residents with French driving licences to drive in the UK after Brexit. The French have said the same for Brits travelling in France – though they do also</p>

France as well as a green insurance card. Will these restrictions apply to French residents travelling to the UK ?

want people to have a translation of their licence on them. Hope that helps.

The government's official advice is to exchange UK driving licences before the 29th March. However, it is impossible for us to comply with this advice as the Préfecture responsible has extremely long delays/simply never responds to requests. Is the embassy doing anything to address this issue which could see thousands of people unable to legally drive on the 30th March ?

Hello Niall. As others have said on this Q and A there are real issues with delays in the current system which we have raised with the Government here. If you live in France then the French government's Brexit website says that they will soon publish details about how you should go about exchanging your UK driving licence for a French one (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire> and there's an unofficial translation on our Living in France Guide (<https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france>). That means they are at least aware that they need to address the problem. Sorry not to have a more definitive answer yet - we'll keep talking to them.

hello, i have several colleagues who have tried unsuccessfully to apply for carte de sejours/eu residency cards...they are told by their Prefectures that due to the high volume of non EU citizens , these are the priority, and that European 'dossiers' will not be processed until further notice..who have you spoken with from the french authorities? what advice should i give my colleagues? what should they do?

Hi Isabelle. Thanks for raising on behalf of your colleagues. This should not be happening – and the French Ministry of the Interior made that clear to their prefectures in 2018. Nonetheless there are still cases of it happening so do please let us know where and we will follow-up. Please do encourage your colleagues to send us these via our webform page (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris). Thanks to the feedback we've received from other Brits we've seen improvements. But there is clearly work to do.

Hi. My wife and I are living in the Dordogne and have been ready to apply for CdS for months. We cannot, along with many others, get an appointment at the Prefecture. Now that

Thank you for your question. We are very much aware of the issue with CDS appointments in the Dordogne and we talk to the French about it regularly – including another meeting in the coming days.

the prime minister (French) has stated what we need to do and how long we have to apply can you bring any pressure to bear on the government both local and central to resolve the issues we are encountering.

So we are most definitely applying pressure. We've answered your driving licence question further down so the answers are with the questions and others can check them

Hello, thank you for doing another Q&A. I asked a question last time about exchanging my UK driving licence, and I'm pleased to say that it is now in hand and I am now waiting to receive my new licence having surrendered my UK one earlier this week. I'm aware from the various communications coming out that if I return to the UK to live I shall be able to exchange my licence back (I took my test in the UK). There is no mention, however, as to whether there will be a cost involved. I'm not expecting you to know whether there will be or not, but maybe this is something that could be mentioned to DVLA (or the relevant department) for clarification in a future "Driving after Brexit" communiqué from gov.uk. Thank you

Hi Siobhan, thanks for following our live Q&A sessions. Glad to hear your driving license exchange is in hand. We'll make sure to raise the issue you mention with the Department for Transport and the DVLA.

Hello British embassy Paris, i am trying to send off for a Carte de Séjour permanente to the Lille prefecture. Can i check : it says to send off our passport as part of the request. I don't want to do that as its my only I.D.. can you confirm that a photocopy is sufficient ? Thanks.

Hi Theo, thanks for your question – it does sound tricky. Different prefectures can decide how they will accept the dossiers for carte de sejour so the best thing is to call the Lille prefecture directly and ask whether they'll accept a photocopy of your passport. If you don't get anywhere then please send us your details here: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris

Regarding exchanging driving licences, i have sent off the request, so I will wait, but the same advice to exchange is

Thank you for your question. Our understanding is that you should get your driving licence in your country of residence and

given to Brits in Belgium (go to the commune, town hall). As I live in France and work daily in Belgium, what happens if I am stopped in Belgium? I say that I have done the necessary in FR?

registration of your car. So France in your case. But it might be worth double checking with the French.

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Hello Niall. As others have said on this Q and A there are real issues with delays in the current system which we have raised with the Government here – and we understand how frustrating that is. If you live in France then the French government's Brexit website says that they will soon publish details about how you should go about exchanging your UK driving licence for a French one (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire>) and there's an unofficial translation on our Living in France Guide (<https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france>). That means they are at least aware that they need to address the problem. Sorry not to have a more definitive answer yet - we'll keep talking to them.

My experience of the Pets' Passport control at Coquelles is that they are very strict, and frequently refuse transit to dogs whose paperwork is not 100% perfect. Since the Defra information on post Brexit pet travel that we have been given is limited, and not all vets seem to be up to the minute with it, will there be some tolerance shown towards those who have endeavoured to deal with this situation correctly? I assume that the new regulations will affect those leaving the UK on the Folkestone side, this could cause a lot of problems for French residents on a return trip.

Hi Claire, thanks for your question on pet passports. We will continue to allow people to travel using their existing pet passports, but going the other way, as you say, we need more clarity on the approach the French will take if you have a UK-issued passport. That's why we are flagging the full requirements so people know what they are. You'll find more information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>. We would follow those rules rather than rely on them being waived to avoid disappointment.

Having the same problem as other people ref driving licence - sent off all info to CERT in July by LRAR so they have received it. Still no reply and they don't reply to emails or phone. What is the solution please?

Hi Polly – that's really frustrating and, as you say, it tallies with what we're hearing elsewhere. We've no reason to think it's Brexit related but it is something we're raising with the French government. There's not an immediate solution but once you sent your licence off to be exchanged, the French government should have issued you with a certificate of proof which will be valid for 12 months.

Hello, I have been trying to apply for a cds at the prefecture. I've been there and queued up only to be told that the staff there haven't been trained to deal with European cds. They wrote my name and number on a post it and said I would be contacted by the one person who is competent to deal with my demand. Needless to say I'm still waiting for the call. I've tried to telephone them but it's proving to be a complete waste of time. They won't give me an appointment. I know that you are working with the French authorities on this but the instructions are not being followed at a local level. What is really being done to address this issue?

Hello Rachelle – I'm very sorry to hear you're having difficulty with your local prefecture. We have received similar concerns about some Prefectures, and continue to flag these to the Ministry of Interior. With this in mind, it would be really helpful to know more details of the issues you are facing, including the name of the Prefecture via our webform (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris). We can then raise with the Ministry of the Interior. We've seen some improvement as a result of this approach, for example around Bordeaux. But there is clearly work to do.

Hi so my situation is as such, i will be going over to stay and work in Paris living with my boyfriend for 6 months starting 26th March, i already have some work lined up but will i need now to get some form of visa or do anything to be able to go through as planned? Im worried to get there then find out I'll have to leave a few months in because i don't have the correct paperwork

Hi Flavien, many thanks for your email. If you move to Paris before the UK leaves the EU on 29 March 2019, then you won't need a visa. Once here – if you want to stay for more than three months - you will need to apply under the new residency system the French will introduce. The French will provide more information on the new registration they will implement in due course, and you can stay up to date on their site <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit>. You can also sign up

	<p>for updates to our Living in France Guide https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france Hope this helps.</p>
<p>Regards driving licenses, I am in the same position as other people above in that I have sent off the forms but have not yet received the receipt of application or the French license. I did however manage to speak to someone on the phone who was able to check that the documents have been received and she told me that in the event of no deal I would still be ok to drive in France as the authorities would be able to check the system to see my application if required. But she didn't specify if it would also be ok to drive in another country eg Italy or Switzerland. Do you know the answer to this?</p>	<p>Hi Chris, thanks for flagging this to us. You will probably be aware of the French guidance on driving licenses after Brexit: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire. We have provided a translation on our living in guide here: https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. That's great that they've confirmed receipt even if the delay is frustrating. I'm afraid we can't say for definite what approach other countries would take but it is at least clear from that website that the French know they need to put in place a new system to process these requests more quickly.</p>
<p>Hello, I have a question to you. I would like to visit London with my wife who is of French nationality and I have a resident card of ten years, is possible to cross the borders with a resident card fra cause of 10 years accompanied by her of course or I need a United kingdom visa and thank you cordially</p>	<p>Hi Hibou, thanks for your question. This depends on your nationality – you can check whether you need a visa here: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa . Hope that helps.</p>
<p>I changed my UK licence for a French one (it only took 6 months!!) since DVLA refused to renew my UK one online (I am over 70) as I live for a greater proportion of the year in France. Will my French licence be valid in UK and, if so, for how long? If I need to have an international permit for UK, from where can I get it in France - hopefully NOT from the same Nantes Prefecture that I needed for my exchange!!!</p>	<p>Hi Andrew - congratulations on getting your licence exchanged. If you're just visiting the UK you will be able to drive on a French licence. I hope this helps.</p>

Hello. I have been trying since October to get a rdv at Strasbourg prefecture for a CDS. The appointments are always full, so it's impossible to get one. Also, my daughter is a student (in Chaumont), and will finish her studies this June....what will be the chances of her getting a CDS once she is no longer a student (I don't expect she will find a job immediately, so will have no income.) We have both lived here for 10 years and she is 20. Thank you

Ruth thank you for your questions. Firstly, thank you for your feedback on the Strasbourg Prefecture which we will take forward with the French – we have seen improvement in other cases from so doing. The French will also bring in a new system of registration after Brexit and advise that applications for residence can be submitted after 29 March 2019 in any scenarios – so you have time. The main requirement here is residence – so if you, and your daughter, have both been here for 10 years you should definitely apply. For your daughter - she can show that she is domiciled with parents and close family links and prove her residence and scolarité in France.

In the event of no deal can you provide any information on healthcare arrangements; especially for people with an S1 and their dependants. My husband has had a triple by-pass and has to take daily medicine and remains under a cardiologist. His next appt is 8 April. Thank you

Caroline thank you for your question and we are sorry to hear about your husband's health issues. The reciprocal healthcare system you are talking about will remain in place under a deal scenario. In the event of no-deal (which no-one is seeking) we have been clear that we would continue to provide the same service to EU nationals in the UK and have outlined how we intend to do so. We need France to reciprocate that. They have indicated that they will and have legislated to give themselves the power to do so. We therefore expect them to explain how they intend to deliver on that intention in the coming weeks. You can stay up to date here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france>

Hello Please can you explain why British Citizens can no longer even have the rights to vote in the Election Municipale ? Thank you. Cecilia B

Hi Cecil, thanks for the question. We have proposed a bilateral arrangement with France so that our nationals can continue to vote in local elections. So far we don't have a response but it's worth being aware that they would need to amend their Constitution to do

	<p>this. We'll keep discussing with them and update when we hear more.</p>
<p>Hi! This may be a daft question, but just to confirm, with the carte de sejour, I presume as we're treated as citizens, we will be able to travel Europe without visas within Schengen. Would this also apply for example if I flew from the UK to a different European country (for example on a family holiday)?</p>	<p>Hi Jennifer, thanks for your question. Yes with your carte de sejour, you will be able to travel without a visa. According to the French Ministry of Interior, residence permits issued in France will allow travel in the other states forming part of the Schengen area for periods not exceeding three months. You can find the official French guidance here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire. We have also provided a translation on our Living in France guide here: https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france Hope this is useful.</p>
<p>I work for a French company (Cdi), but have to make regular business trips to our London and German offices. What impact will this have on me, in the event of a no-deal situation, and how can I best prepare for any situation to limit disruption for both me and my employers?</p>	<p>Hi Thom. Many thanks for the question. The intention on both British and EU sides is for travel to be visa free for short business trips in any scenario – including no deal. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>Slightly off topic but why cant I renew a 6 year old's passport online? Also why does it cost more than renewing a 12 year old's passport?</p>	<p>Howard thanks for your question. We may have missed something, but do not think that those ages make any difference to cost, and we think you can apply online. Here is a link to the site where you can put in details of your child's passport dates to find out the price and documents needed to renew https://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports As far as we can see the fee for overseas renewals for passports of children under 16 is £56 plus courier fee of £19.86 and that it must be paid for and applied for on line. I'd suggest that</p>

	<p>you contact the passport helpline to verify the information you've got. Telephone: +44 (0) 300 222 0000 Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm (UK time) Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 9am to 5:30pm (UK time)</p>
<p>Hello. Re driving licence exchange proposals by the French government in the case of no withdrawal agreement. As I understand it, in the event of the U.K. leaving the EU on the 30/3 with no withdrawal agreement, future exchange requests made after that date will be dealt with as if we were TCNs in that a driving test would be required. This is surely nonsense and should be allowed to happen. If someone has been living and driving legally and safely for the length of time they have been resident here, possibly for many years, it makes no sense for them to be considered suddenly unsafe/unable to drive with being retested as we pass from the 30th March to the 1st April. For existing legal residents that can't be right, sensible or acceptable, surely?</p>	<p>Hi Lesley – thanks for the question on driving licences. The French Government are clear that under all scenarios they will allow people to exchange licences and will be making more information available on how to do that for Brits. The French government's official advice can be found here and we recommend checking it regularly: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire. We have produced an unofficial translation here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767737/Driving_Licenses.odt Once you've sent your licence in for exchange, you will get a certificate to prove you've sent it in and this will be valid for 12 months. For those who arrive after Brexit they will have a year to exchange their licence, during which it remains valid. And licences will continue to remain valid for tourists. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>I am a pensioner living in France for the past 15 years. My husband and I have never been able to afford paying the top up health insurance. Question, deal or no deal, what will happen with our health care?</p>	<p>Hello Jane, Thanks for your question. Under the Withdrawal Agreement you should be able to access French healthcare under the same conditions as now. We expect the same to be true in a no-deal scenario and have outlined how we will do that for EU nationals in the UK . The French have legislated to give the Government the power to do the same and we should have more details on that in the coming weeks. We'll update the Living in</p>

	<p>France guide when that happens (https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france)</p>
<p>Hello. I am originally from Jersey Channel Islands, have been living in France for 8 months to date. About to start process for Carte Vitale and wondered where we stand, as we are from Jersey. For instance, S1's don't exist in Jersey. We are also being told to apply for the Carte de Sejour, I thought you had to be resident for 5 yrs before applying. Many thanks</p>	<p>Hi Lisa, thanks for sending in your question. Jersey is not part of EU provisions on free movement therefore Brexit will not affect the process for your application for a Carte de Sejour or Carte Vitale. You should apply for residency rights through the normal route as now – and don't have to wait for five years to do so. Hope this helps</p>
<p>What happens to those people who have lived here for over 15 years, an owner occupier (single) of a tiny rural house , no other assets anywhere , not enough NI stamps in the UK and too scared to apply for a CdS as well below the threshold income as receiving RSA ...</p>	<p>Dear Ann, thank you for your question and for sharing your concerns with us. The French advice is to apply for a carte de sejour (CDS). And if you've been living in France for over 15 years, you should be able to apply for a permanent CDS. If you worry about not qualifying for a CDS because if your threshold income, as a matter of general principle the French are clear they do not expect people who are already here to have to leave. But should you encounter any difficulties, you can get in touch with our team (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) to talk that through.</p>
<p>Hello, like many others here we are finding it impossible to get a CDS appointment (24). Also re Driving License application..it is taking a year or more to get an exchange. My husbands UK card expires in March. How can he legally drive in UK without valid UK Card & Awaiting French one? thank you</p>	<p>Hi Marie, many thanks for the question. As you can tell, issues with local prefectures, including lack of appointments, is a concern shared by many participating in the Q&A today, as are driving licenses. On the issue of appointments, we are in regular contact with the Ministry of Interior about this. It would be great if you could send us further details on the problems that you are facing, including which Prefecture is involved (use this form</p>

	<p>www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) On driving licenses, we are very much aware of the delays and raising them with the French. In your husband's situation, we would expect him to be able to use the certificate confirming receipt of his application to exchange his licence while in the UK. I'm afraid we don't know whether this would still be considered as valid after the original driving licence's expiry date so would suggest calling the DVLA to ask for guidance. Sorry not to have a more definitive answer but we don't want to give incorrect information.</p>
<p>Hello we have our rdv's for CdS on 26th March. My son has work experience booked with a Law firm in the City in June. Will he have a problem returning to France? Given the current delays I doubt that we will have received our Cartes by then.</p>	<p>Hi Samantha, thanks for your question and great that you have appointments booked for a Carte de Sejour. In response to your question, even if you have not received your cartes de sejour by the time your son finishes his work experience in London, he should not experience any problems returning to France. The UK have said that we will not require visas for EU nationals visiting the UK on short term travel and the EU have indicated that they will reciprocate.</p>
<p>I have been trying to get a carte de sejour for months but the prefecture refused to accept my application stating I need to have CDI, which I don't have at the moment. It has been three years since I moved to france, Is there anything I should do?</p>	<p>Hi Djems, sorry to hear about the problems you are facing. The French Ministry of the Interior have published a website to help UK nationals living and working in France, and this includes a list of criteria for applying for a Carte De Sejour (https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16003). This does not include an obligation to have a CDI. Would you therefore mind ending us more details, so we can take up with the Ministry of Interior? Please use this form: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris</p>

<p>Re the ghastly "service" from the Nantes Prefecture on driving licences I am reminded of the arrangements for import of video recorders to France about 20 years ago where everything had to be processed through a customs post in la France profonde that was only open for one afternoon every week!!). However, I asked the help of my wonderful local Marie in the Gard and the secrétaire (I think I may nominate her for an honorary MBE!) dug around to find cert-pc-epe-44-usagersEPE. They eventually replied to this and confirmed that they had, and would process, my request as they also never returned the appropriate part of the "accuse de reception" of my letters. Good luck!</p>	<p>Hi Andrew. Firstly thank you for the excellent historical information about video recorders. The team loved it. And it's great to hear how helpful your Mairie was. We often meet with Mayors across the country who tell us how important the British nationals are to their community.</p>
<p>Is there anything you can do about the length of time it is taking to get driving licences exchanged. We're told we need french ones but it's taking months if not years at the moment!</p>	<p>Hi Hattie, thanks for raising this concern. We are aware of the delay and are raising it with the French – and we very much understand how frustrating it is. You might be interested in the following: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire</p>
<p>Direct me to the answer already given if my question isn't a new one: My wife and I own a little house in the Dordogne and like to spend time there. Up to our retirement in 2018 that has been within the 90 days Schengen rule. This year we would like to spend longer as we are testing out the waters for a permanent move. My idea is to start applying for a titre de séjour when we arrive, at least to flag up our good intentions. I am a retired minister who does the occasional</p>	<p>Hi David, thank you for getting in touch. If you are planning to live permanently in France, our advice would be to apply for a carte de séjour – the French are likely to define 'permanently' as residing here for more than six months of the year. After Brexit, the French have announced they will be introducing a new system to cover those covered by the Withdrawal Agreement in a deal scenario, or legally resident by 29 March 2019 in a no deal scenario. Therefore, it is your choice whether you apply now or wait, but in the case of</p>

<p>service on behalf of the Chaplaincy of Aquitaine. Thoughts please.</p>	<p>no deal, it may be advantageous to have proof of residence from before 29 March 2019. You can find more information on the Living in France Guide which includes a link to the French brexit website with further detail: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france.</p>
<p>Hi. I assume that having a carte de sejour and proof of employment in France will be the only additional documentation needed if I was looking to buy a property here? I've come across a number of banks refusing mortgages (or making it very difficult) for Brits on the basis that nobody knows what is going on.</p>	<p>Hi Fiona, many thanks for the question. I'm afraid I can't advise on purchasing property in France, though I can say that owning property is protected by international law, so Brexit should have no legal impact on this. It would be useful for us to know more details of the banking issues problems you are referring to. Would you mind sending these to us, using this form, www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris ?</p>
<p>What is the best way to stop Brexit urgently, before more jobs, businesses and hardworking EU citizens abandon the U.K. for good? Is it to: #RevokeArticle50 or arrange a #PeoplesVote</p>	<p>Hi Martin – thanks for your question....You're probably aware of the Government's position on both a second referendum and delaying Article 50, but everyone has their own views of course - particularly on such an important issue for the country.</p>
<p>What happens if we aren't in the process of applying for a CDs? I'm in the mindset that I'm going to wait for more clear concise information from the French government before I waste my time applying for something, that could possibly be null and void after the 29th.</p>	<p>Dear Claire, thanks for your question on applying for a CDS. It is up to you whether to apply now or wait for the new system but the French advice is to apply for a CDS as you would then be in the system making things easier. You can stay up to date on their site https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit. You can also sign up for updates to our Living in France Guide https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Hope this helps.</p>
<p>I need to chase unpaid child maintenance from my ex husband who is disregarding the judgement set in French</p>	<p>Dear Claire, thank you for your questions, sorry to hear about this challenging situation. It is difficult for us to give legal advice given</p>

court. As he lives and works in the UK for a UK company I can use the Paris/London government agency to collect this unpaid money. However as it can take many weeks/months for this to be fully investigated and for the process to be completed is it even worth me making this claim? And even if it can be processed before 29th March will the maintenance arrangement still be honoured after this date or is this a totally fruitless operation for me to go through? My 3 children are all at school and live with me full time in France. We get no financial support from the French government so we need their father to contribute but without maintenance taken at source he will carry on avoiding it.

the complexity of the situation. We recommend you consult a lawyer (you'll find a list here: <https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france>). The Child Support Agency (<https://www.gov.uk/child-maintenance>) may also be able to help with enforcing your claim. In terms of Brexit there will be no issue in the short term if we are in a deal scenario as nothing will change until end of 2020. Beyond that the rules governing these kinds of issues may need to be negotiated as part of the treaty governing the UK-EU relationship. We have outlined how we hope that will work but the detail is for the coming negotiations.

I've asked before but please can we have an outreach meeting in central France. Say Clermont Ferrand for example? It is a major city and some of us do live outside the usual popular destinations!

Hi Lesley, thanks for your question. Completely understand and we are trying our best to get to everywhere. Indeed we should be in Clermont Ferrand in the near future - dates to follow. Please continue to follow our events page where all details will be made available: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/information-and-events-for-british-citizens-in-france>

I'm a salaried worker with a CDI, resident in France for 15years and have not yet got a CDS. In the event of a no deal Brexit, would my employer have to do something (register me as non-european etc) to keep employing me ?

Hi Rober thanks for your question. Your employers shouldn't need to do anything – and you don't need a work permit. You just need to register. You can find more information on the French Ministry of Interior website (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour>) and we have produced an unofficial translation here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france#driving-in-france>

Hello all, I had my meeting for my carte de séjour a couple of weeks ago (57), however I was told to come back when I was no longer a European citizen and apply conjointe with a French national. This is because, although I provided proof of marriage, address etc etc, and husband's earnings, to confirm that I am not a burden on the state, I require personal income to qualify. I am unemployed, I do not have personal savings, nor a pension. I would just like confirmation that this was the correct procedure for the prefecture to advise to someone in my position. When I reapply in the upcoming months, or whenever it's decided I'm not European, will I require a visa to apply as a third country national? If so could you please provide me with details of how to obtain one. My second major concern, like many others I'm sure, is that I have heard nothing about my driving licence application for a French exchange which I sent back in August. Can you advise me what to do about this? Will there be any help from French administration with making the UK licence exchange a priority? Thanks in advance, Emma

Hi. I have been living in France on and off for six years. Can I apply for CDS as I haven't been in the system as I am a director of my own UK company so not salaried or contracted in France on a personal level, just business level? I applied in Annecy and was told no as I have not got papers going back all the years I have been here, I asked to apply

Hi Emma, Thanks for your question – I can understand your concern. On your first question the Prefecture should not have told you to come back if you wish to apply under the current system as your rights remain unchanged until Brexit. As you'll see from other comments in this chat some people have decided to wait for the new system to come into force, but that is your choice not theirs. Do please let us know which Prefecture was involved by using this form (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) and you can find more information about applying for a carte de sejour here (<https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16003>).

On your second question, we have raised the issue of delays with driving licences with the French. They have said they will outline a new process for British national after Brexit but as you have already applied we would suggest you call them to confirm receipt. You'll see from other questions here that some people have also found helpful Marie to do this for them

Hi Toby, sorry to hear you are having such difficulties. You can apply for a carte de sejour as a self employed person or company director, and will be able to do so under the news system being brought in after Brexit. You can find more information here: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16003> To reassure you, I hope - there will be time after Brexit to regularise your stay. Even in a no deal scenario, the French have committed

<p>for one year CDS and was told no as I have been here longer. I don't know what to do!</p>	<p>to a 12 month grace period to apply for residency. We are waiting for further details on what their new registration scheme will look like. But we are, of course, pushing for this to be as simple to use as the one we have implemented in the UK.</p>
<p>What is being done about the unavailability of permanent residence appointments in the French system? I have been trying get an appointment for a year now. There is never an available slot. Savoie.</p>	<p>Thanks for flagging that Meg. It would be great if you could fill in this webform (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) and let us know where in the Savoie you are. We will then share that information with the French. That has already led to improvements in some areas, for example around Bordeaux. We'll keep at it.</p>
<p>Hello, I read in the newspapers that the British Passport may no longer be valid after the 29th March. My family is currently living in France (we have three British Passports). Does that mean that we have to renew them after the 29th March or that we won't have the right to have one any longer? Considering that is proof of ID, how do we get to prove it if it is no longer valid? Thank you very much in advance for your reply.</p>	<p>Nathalie thanks for your question, please be reassured you that your passports will continue to be valid! Do keep an eye on when you need to renew them as for some countries you need a certain amount of time left before the document expires.</p>
<p>Hello, your Q and A sessions and outreach meetings are very useful but will only reach a small minority of UK citizens in France. Could you please tell me what steps you are taking to reach the more remote and vulnerable of our compatriots and considering we are leaving the EU on 29th March when it will be implemented?</p>	<p>Hi Mike, thanks for the feedback. You are absolutely right and we are working not only with British expat groups (like yours – thank you!) on this, but also with the French authorities at national and local level. So for example, it will be a key moment when the French announce more details of the future registration system, and we are in touch with the Associations of</p>

	<p>French mayors on how they can support. Working through the media is also essential and there will be even more of that in the coming month.</p>
<p>Dear British Embassy My family and I have applied for naturalisation and have been informed that the decree has been published in the Journal Officiel. We are waiting for the final paperwork to be sent to us. We have therefore not gone through the process of applying for a Carte De Sejour. Meanwhile my son, who currently travels on his British passport, is due to go to Rome in April on a school trip. His teacher, a French education ministry employee and responsible for the trip, is worrying about what travel document my son will use to travel. If our French paperwork doesn't arrive in time for his trip, what are the likely formalities needed to enable him to travel with his purple British passport?</p>	<p>Hi Tina, thanks for the question. If a deal is agreed between the UK and the UK leaves as planned on 29 March, then your son will certainly be able to travel on his British passport as we'll be in the implementation period, when the same freedom of movement rules will apply. In a no-deal, the UK and the European Commission have also committed to visa free travel for UK and EU nationals, so again the use of the passport should be fine. Worth noting however the latest guidelines on this: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/travelling-to-the-eu-with-a-uk-passport-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/travelling-to-the-eu-with-a-uk-passport-if-theres-no-brexit-deal</p>
<p>I have acquired CDS for EU citizens valid for 10 years for myself and my wife. The cards are for EU citizens. What happens when the UK crashes out to the validity of our CDS cards, we will no longer be EU citizens, so our CDS cards will be worthless.</p>	<p>Thanks for your question Julian. Your current CDS will remain valid and The French Ministry of Interior are working on the system they will put in place to enable UK nationals resident in France to claim their rights after EU Exit. They have indicated that permanent CdS under the existing system will be exchanged for the new documents.</p>
<p>Hello, i have been in france since a teenager, i have a house and seasonal job each year on cdd. What do i have to do? As i really dont understand, some say get cds but when i went to the préfecture in Bordeaux i was told it's not necessary for the mo. I would like to know if england would except dual</p>	<p>Hi Tess – thanks for getting in touch. On your point about a carte de sejour, whilst the UK remains a member of the EU, you do not need one. However, you are entitled to one. Some people have decided to get one now as a way to prove their permanent residency in France before Brexit. The French have</p>

nationality after brexit. I feel like no one knows what is going on and that i will have lots of paper to deal with at the last minute.

now said that they will introduce a new system of registration for British nationals after Brexit so you could also wait for that system if you preferred. In any case, we recommend that you start compiling evidence now to show your current residency status here in France. You can read their guidance on their website here: <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit>. And we have also translated it here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france> On your point about nationality, both the UK and France accept dual nationality. This will not change after Brexit. Hope that provides you with more clarity!

Hello at the moment I spend approximately 5 months in France from May to October with my dog. We have a holiday home and my partner flies in and out. How am I going to be able to stay in France following brexit? I do not want to stay 90 days in every 180 days. Thank you

Hi Alison – thanks for your question. I can understand your concern and we know there are many others in this situation. What we know so far is that you will not need a visa to stay for up to three months at a time. And that you can apply for residency for those permanently here - we expect the French to require evidence that you are resident in France more than 6 months a year to achieve this. Those months do not need to be consecutive. There may also be other kinds of visas that are relevant to your circumstances depending on how you wish to move back and forth but that would depend on your individual circumstances (<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>).

I'm a British citizen serving on the Cotignac village council (VAR). I'd like to know, in the case of losing the right to vote, will I also be losing the right to serve as elected official (I imagine so) and if so, what a great loss for my village. The

Dear Susana, thanks for your question. Regarding the right to serve as an elected official, the French government has made clear that UK nationals who are municipal councillors on the evening of 29 March 2019 will be able to complete their

other question is about applying for a carte de séjour - I have heard some places cannot deliver them for 2 years, let alone schedule RDVs for interview. What, if any, consequences might we encounter in the meantime?

mandates. However, they will not be able to stand in the following municipal elections. You can find all this information on the French Brexit website (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Elections>). On your second question related to CDS, there should not be any consequences from the time taken to deliver CDS – and they have said they want people to be able to stay. You can either apply under the current system or wait for the new system the French will bring in for British nationals after Brexit. You can stay up to date on their site <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit>. You can also sign up for updates to our Living in France Guide <https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france>.

Hello there, Can you tell me the venue for the Outreach Meeting in Auxerre next Monday? Thank you.

Hello Ann. Looking forward to seeing you next week! You can find this information on the Eventbrite page here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/british-embassy-citizens-outreach-auxerre-tickets-54601437369> If you're registered, you will also receive an email reminder this week.

What will happen to those people who have lived and worked happily in France for 11 years but under the income level? Have no home, work etc in the UK? Have only been given a 1 year CDs?

Hi Jane, thanks for raising this important question. If you have been legally resident for 11 years, you should automatically qualify for permanent residency without the need to provide proof of income. We are working closely with the French authorities, raising any examples of prefectures that are not following the instructions given by the Ministry of Interior. Please find more information on the Living in France Guide:

	<p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france and do let us know which prefecture you are dealing with via the webform: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris</p>
<p>hi I'm trying to get a carte de sejour, as advised, but not only does it require an enormous amount of paperwork to prove I've been in the country for over 5 years (28 years to be exact) but I've also been given an appointment to make the application in June, three months after I need the document. will i have trouble coming back to France (home) if I visit the Uk after march 29 and befor i have the carte de sejour?</p>	<p>Kim thanks for the question. That's good news on your appointment. You should not have any trouble coming back to France during this period.</p>
<p>you have had a job in France for 7 months but are living off your own money whilst looking for another job when you apply for a card, will that card enable you to work once you find a job?</p>	<p>Hi Jennetta, thanks for your question. The French have published guidance on this here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit. And we have also translated it here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france The short version is that your right to work should not change because of Brexit and so yes the residency permit will allow you to work here.</p>
<p>What will happen to Health cover. Will the agreement between the UK and France on Health costs continue.</p>	<p>Bill thanks for your question. The reciprocal healthcare system which allows British nationals to access the French system will remain in place under a deal scenario. In the event of no-deal (which no-one is seeking) we have been clear that we would continue to provide the same service to EU nationals in the UK and have outlined how we intend to do so. We need France to reciprocate that. They have indicated that they will and have legislated to give themselves the power to do so. We therefore</p>

	<p>expect them to explain how they intend to deliver on that intention in the coming weeks. You can stay up to date here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france</p>
How to apply visa for British	You can find information here: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa
I passed my Capes teaching exam last June and I am currently working as a fonctionnaire-stagiaire in a lycée as an English teacher. I have live in France for the last 12 years. What advice could you give me if I want to continue working here with the least amount of trouble (and paperwork)?!	Hi Rob, thanks for this question which I know will be relevant for a number of our followers. As part of the French legislation on no deal, they have agreed to maintain the status of UK nationals working as fonctionnaires in the French system. Our expectation is that this would apply to you, but you should confirm with your HR department.
Will I, as a British student enrolled at a French university for my MA (thus not Erasmus), be able to do my internship in April without a titre de séjour?	Dear Alyssa, thank you for your question. We would expect that this should be fine as you are already living here. If you have any problems do get in touch at www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris
Have a 17 year old who is covered under our CDS until she is 18 in August 2019. She does not want to continue into further education after her BAC this year. What will she need to be able to remain in France after August. Is having a job her only legal way of residing here and if so what are the earnings she must be attaining. She has lived in France since she was 5	Hi Michelle, thanks for participating in our Facebook live. Your daughter will not need a job in order to be able to stay, and would be entitled to as a result of her links to you and the fact that she has been here since she was 5. Upon turning 18, we would recommend she apply for a carte de sejour in her own right. You may like to look at the French website which has information on a number of relevant topics: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit
What will happen with applications for French citizenship, in light of the changes after Brexit if the application has just been	Karen thanks for your question. There will be no change to your ability to claim citizenship as a result of Brexit. In terms of

<p>submitted (ie submission now as member of EU country but after 29 March no longer member of EU country)</p>	<p>timelines the French have been clear people will have at least a year to apply for residency, and longer if the transition period comes into effect so there is nothing urgent for you to do – but we will flag to the French that some people may find themselves in this situation.</p>
<p>Hello, I'm registered self-employed here in France (since 2000: profession libérale not auto-entrepreneur). In the event of a hard Brexit, will I need to re-register using my Irish (hence EU) passport? French passport also pending, but the Irish one arrived much sooner :)</p>	<p>Hi Louise. First apologies for the delay in replying – we had a slight problem with the IT...And second – that's a lot of passports</p> <p>As you are an Irish (and French) national you will not need to register for residency in the way we are discussing for most people. Equally we would not expect it to make any difference to your professional registration for tax purposes and so on. That said, depending on your profession, it can't hurt to double check with your relevant professional body. Please do come back to us if you have any problems: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris</p>
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true in a no deal scenario. If he's studying in the UK, and has already started his course, then he will pay home fees for the duration of his studies. I hope that provides some clarification.

For the CdS costs you may have seen that the UK has decided that we will not charge to register EU nationals in the UK. The French are reviewing their approach and we hope they will do the same.

Last, let us underline that we do very much understand how uncertain this time feels and are doing our best to get people the information they need. That's why the kind of feedback and suggestions you made about email lists is so helpful –and we'll look to see if there's a way to take people's emails at our events. We would in any case encourage people to sign up for updates here: <https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-france> and to our newsletter Voisins Voices here: <https://www.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e0b888bafd23bb79def092e5c&id=171aada133>

Hi. My wife and I are living in the Dordogne and have been ready to apply for CdS for months. We cannot, along with many others, get an appointment at the Prefecture. Now that the prime minister (French) has stated what we need to do and how long we have to apply can you bring any pressure to bear

Thanks Paul. We replied to your CDS point earlier in the chat but apologies for the delay on this second element. On driving licenses we don't have a huge amount to add but are very aware of the delays – and are raising them with the French authorities. They are clearly aware of the work required as their Ministry of the Interior website explains they will put in place a

on the government both local and central to resolve the issues we are encountering.

My second question... we have applied to exchange our U.K. driving licence but have been told this could take up to 18 months. Do you have any information other than what we can find on the Gov.uk website?

system of exchange to take account of the large numbers involves. You can find that and more here (<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire>) and we have produced an unofficial translation here (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/767737/Driving_Licenses.odt).

As you have already applied to exchange we know that some people have been able to chase the team in Nantes (or their Mairie) to get confirmation that their dossier is moving forward.

Hope this helps.

I and another Facebook person have questions regarding our sons education. As her question is almost identical to mine, I will post hers here: My son is currently at University, 3rd year in his 5 year Engineering Masters Degree and has been told that his COULD end up paying Uni fees AND he could lose his grant that he gets for his accommodation if the UK crash out with no deal. It should be that those students (and he's not the only one) who have embarked on a long Uni education should be allowed to continue with their studies. He is applying (reluctantly) for his CdSJ and dual nationality but these take

Thanks Carol. We've copied the response we gave to Sarah below which I hope answers your question. Do come back to us on the webform (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) if not!

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reached with the EU means that he should be treated equally to French students in terms of fees and assistance – so no change. We are waiting for confirmation that the same would be true in a no deal scenario. If he's studying in the UK, and has already started his course, then he will pay home fees for the duration of his studies. I hope that provides some clarification.

For the CdS costs you may have seen that the UK has decided that we will not charge to register EU nationals in the UK. The French are reviewing their approach and we hope they will do the same.

Last, let us underline that we do very much understand how uncertain this time feels and are doing our best to get people the information they need. That's why the kind of feedback and suggestions you made about email lists is so helpful –and we'll look to see if there's a way to take people's emails at our events. We would in any case encourage people to sign up for updates here: <https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-france> and to our newsletter Voisins Voices here: <https://www.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e0b888bafd23bb79def092e5c&id=171aada133>

