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## Residency

Question	Answer
<p>Hi, I have recently moved to NRW and registered the address, what else do I need to do before Brexit to ensure I can stay?</p>	<p>Hi Adam, I hope that you are settling into your new home in NRW.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months. During this time, you'll be able to continue living and working in Germany as before. It's important that you apply for a residence permit within this transition period at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde). You will also keep your rights for the time between submitting the application and receiving a decision.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p> <p>For further information, please consult the Federal Interior Ministry's FAQs:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>Can you confirm the registration process that British people need to complete in Berlin - exactly where and what we need to fill in? Thank you!</p>	<p>Dear Jo, thank you for getting in touch with us. First of all, it is important that you are registered with your local Foreigners' Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). You also need to register with your local Foreigners' Office (Auslaenderbehoerde).</p> <p>In Berlin the registration process has already opened. Please apply online at:  <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.770947.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.770947.en.php</a>.</p> <p>You can find these and further tips about life and work in Germany in our <a href="#">Living in Germany Guide</a>.</p>

<p>I have a Sonderausweis as I work for an internal governmental agency. Do I still need to register as a resident in Germany as advised recently?</p>	<p>Dear Craig, thanks for getting in touch. That's right, as a resident in Germany you will still need to register with your local Foreigners' Authority, or Ausländerbehörde, which you can locate on our guide page here: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p> <p>That way you can apply for a residency permit that will be valid after the UK leaves the EU.</p>
<p>There is little in the way in information on the residence rights for British spouses/parents of German nationals, as opposed to British spouses of other EU nationals. Any information as to whether there is any special status here, or indeed not, would be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>Dear Ben, the German government has announced that in the event of a no-deal Brexit, there will be an initial 3-month period (which may be extended to 9 months) for British citizens to apply for a residence permit.</p> <p>Your local Foreigners' Authority will then issue a permit depending on your individual circumstances, which might be linked to your family relationships.</p> <p>Although there isn't a 'special status' for family members, the German government has committed to ensuring that all UK nationals exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will obtain a residency permit. In the future, standard German immigration law would apply for family members of German citizens.</p>

<p>Hi, I live in Germany with my German wife. I have been here 2 years only. How will Brexit effect me? Can I continue living and working here?</p>	<p>Hi Bryan, thanks for getting in touch. The German government has confirmed that all UK nationals living in Germany before exit day can stay.</p> <p>To ensure you are covered, please make sure you are registered with your local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt).</p> <p>If the UK leaves with a deal, your rights will be protected by the Withdrawal Agreement. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months. During this time, you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before.</p> <p>It is important that you apply for a residence permit within this transition period at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde). Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority. For further information, please consult the Federal Interior Ministry's FAQs: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>I am a Brit living in Germany for just over a year, if I am given a residents permit after Brexit (but not citizenship) will I still have freedom of movement to other EU countries such as the Netherlands or Austria for holiday purposes? Also how long will residents permits be valid for? I live in NRW, many thanks</p>	<p>Hi Emma Lou, thanks for your questions.</p> <p>In either a deal or no-deal scenario you will need to apply for a new residency permit with your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde).</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, then you will qualify for permanent residency, once you have accrued 5 years residency.</p> <p>In a no-deal scenario, the duration and conditions of your residence permit would depend on your personal situation, however let us reassure you that the German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany.</p> <p>Regarding travel to other Schengen countries, you will not need a visa for holidays (short stays of up to 90 days in a 180 day period). The ability to move to other EU countries after Brexit will depend on the future relationship between the UK and the EU.</p>

	<p>You can find more information on the above in our Living in Germany Guide, which will be updated as more information becomes available: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I live in Frankfurt and we were sent a letter in the mail asking us to go and register at the foreign office once we receive an appointment. Obviously this has been put on hold since May resigned and Brexit was up in the air but will we be contacted again or should we make our own appointments there? Will the Frankfurt have the initial paperwork we already filled out and sent back?</p>	<p>Dear Natalie, Some Foreigners' Authorities are being more proactive than others, contacting UK nationals in advance of Brexit, whilst others are awaiting developments.</p> <p>Frankfurt is a proactive case, and you can assume that if they have already contacted you and requested documents that they will keep these on file for the time being.</p> <p>As more clarity emerges over timelines, you can expect Frankfurt to contact you again with the offer of an appointment to process your residency permit application.</p>
<p>In the event of a no-deal Brexit, will I need to take a language test to gain a residency permit in Germany? What about my non-EU spouse? I am currently employed.</p>	<p>Hi Ferdi, thanks for getting in touch. Germany has different types of residence permit, which have different requirements.</p> <p>Please contact your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) to apply for a residence permit. They will be able to give advice based on your individual circumstances. They will also be able to advise about the residency process for your non-EU spouse.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>

<p>Do you know if there's any possibility of fast-tracking German citizenship? I want to retain my British citizenship so I presume I have to apply before Brexit (i.e. potentially before 31 October.) but I will have only been here for five years (not the required seven or eight) in mid-September. Also - will the deadline be extended, as per the three (possibly six) month extension for residence permits? I may need these extra few months to enable me to meet the other Citizenship requirements.</p>	<p>Dear Richard, you are quite right that, as things stand, applicants would need to submit a naturalisation application (and meet all the stated criteria) in advance of Brexit in order to retain their British citizenship.</p> <p>However, there is generally no possibility to go below the minimum six-year residency requirement for citizenship applications, which unfortunately is not good news in your case.</p> <p>The German legislation on retention of dual citizenship is separate from the rules on residency, and unfortunately, it does not make allowance for extensions. In a deal scenario, it would be possible to apply for German citizenship whilst retaining British nationality throughout the implementation period, which runs to the end of 2020</p>
<p>As a freelancer with fluctuating income who has been here for less than 5 years will this be a problem in being accepted for residence permit after Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Lizz, you won't have a problem obtaining a residency permit, although it won't be a permanent one since you have not been here for 5 years yet.</p> <p>The German government has agreed to grant all UK nationals previously exercising free movement rights in Germany (such as yourself) a residency permit in a no-deal scenario.</p> <p>When you apply to your local Foreigners' Authority they will be able to advise you, on the basis of your living arrangements, which permit is appropriate for you as a freelancer.</p>

<p>I understand British citizens will need to apply for a residence permit in Germany, regardless of a withdrawal deal going through. But it's not at all clear what type of residence permit we have to apply for and how long that would be valid for. Could you provide some clarity on this?</p>	<p>Hi Simit, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>Germany has a number of different residence permits and your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) will be able to advise which one is appropriate depending on your individual circumstances.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>For those of us that have not been in Germany for five years but are working full time will a no deal Brexit mean our residence permits will be tied into one job and therefore cause significant issues if we want to apply for another job or even get promoted in the same company (as the job title will change).</p>	<p>Hi Alison, thanks for this important question.</p> <p>There are many different types of residence permits based on German immigration law.</p> <p>It might be best to check with your Foreigners' Authority whether your post-Brexit permit would easily allow you to change jobs – or whether you would need to apply for a new permit. It might also be useful to know that Germany has guaranteed a three-month transition period with a possible extension of up to nine months from exit day during which UK nationals will be exempt from the requirement to hold a residence permit.</p> <p>During this time, you should be able to change jobs (or get promoted, etc) without any impact on your status as a resident in Germany.</p>

<p>Hi, I'm a UK passport holder with Swiss residency. My partner lives in Berlin and I work there occasionally. Will I be able to stay in Germany for periods longer than 3 months at a time?</p>	<p>Hi Stephen, If you wish to stay in Germany after Brexit for longer than 3 months, then you would need to register with the local Foreigners' Authority in your partner's place of residency (Berlin) and apply for a residency permit.</p> <p>The authority will be able to advise you on which permit to obtain, including whether it is a self-standing permit (based on your employment) or derived from your partner's residency.</p> <p>We would advise you to register with the Berlin Foreigners' Authority now, since Berlin is one of the places which has already begun to accept registrations for future permits.</p>
<p>Hello, I have a British passport and lived from 2011 in Germany. In May this year I was invited to the interview which I couldn't attend but I filled the registration form again and now waiting to be called for an interview. Do you know when the second round of interviews take place before or after Brexit? Will I get I indefinite leave to remain?</p> <p>Also I got married last year and now my husband (British national) lives most of the time with me in Berlin – will he get as well ILR or some sort of a visa? For how long are we allowed to be outside of Germany not to jeopardize our stay here?</p>	<p>Hi Ksenia, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>Since you've missed your interview, it might be worth getting in touch with your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) again to receive an update on your situation. Check the Berlin Foreigners' Authority FAQ page for more information on the process in Berlin: <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php</a></p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months. During this time, you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before while a decision on your future residency is being made.</p> <p>For your husband, it is important that he registers with the local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). He then also needs to apply for a residence permit at the local Foreigners' Authority within the initial transition period.</p> <p>Your local Foreigners' Authority will advise on which permit is most suitable, depending on your individual circumstances, which might be linked to family relationships. Although there isn't a 'special status' for family members, the</p>

	<p>German government has committed to ensuring that all UK nationals exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will obtain a residency permit.</p> <p>When it comes to breaking your stay, temporary absences of up to 6 months a year from Germany are okay. Longer absences are allowed if there are special circumstances (e.g. one absence of up to 12 months for pregnancy, serious illness or study). In the future, any rules around absence from Germany will depend on what residence permit you are granted.</p>
<p>Brits in Germany thanks. I've already checked this site many times so it's not helpful. Do you know if we will be invited to the interview before or after Brexit? Will I get indefinite stay to remain?</p>	<p>Hi Ksenia, thanks for getting in touch again. Unfortunately, we are unable to answer this question as it is one for the Berlin authorities. They have a lot of applications to process, so do not worry if you have not yet received an appointment. If you have further questions, please contact the Berlin Foreigners' Authority directly.</p>
<p>Are the residence permits guaranteed for everybody working and living in Germany? Do you need a certain level of the German language in order to qualify? Also, is the permit tied to your current job and if so what happens if you change companies?</p>	<p>Dear Natalie, Last week the German cabinet approved a draft law confirming that all UK nationals living in Germany on Brexit day could stay and receive a residency permit after Brexit. This permit would not be tied to language requirements.</p> <p>The type of permit you eventually receive will depend on your status, e.g. as a worker or student, but it would not stop you from changing jobs. For further information, please check the Federal Interior Ministry's Brexit FAQs: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>I have been in Germany for more than 5 years and was told by our ABH that they will remove permanent residency from British Citizens and only give temporary residency permits yet in Berlin they are giving away permanent residency permits. Is there any plans to stop the post code lottery of residency permits in Germany?</p>	<p>Dear Omar, thanks for your message. Last week the German cabinet approved a draft law confirming that all UK nationals and their family members exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit could stay in Germany and receive a residency permit after Brexit.</p> <p>However, implementation of residence law is devolved to the local level. Please check our guidance on Foreigners' Authorities and take the steps recommended by your Foreigners' Authority locally:</p>

	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a>
<p>Will residence permits be available to unemployed or long-term sick/disabled if they lose job/fall ill post-Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Nicola, this a question many Brits are wondering about.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months. During this time, all UK nationals and their family members who previously had the right of free movement would be able to continue living and working in Germany as before, including the right to receive benefits.</p> <p>UK nationals would have to apply to their local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for a new residence permit in this period. The government has confirmed that all UK nationals in Germany currently exercising the right to free movement would receive a residence permit. They would also keep their rights for the time between submitting their application and receiving a decision on their application.</p> <p>You can find more information about this on this website of the German Federal Interior Ministry:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>As per advice I registered with the Berlin Ausländerbehörde for the Aufenthaltstitel and received an appointment that I was unable to make, in the email it said it was highly unlikely I would get another appointment.</p> <p>As a last result on the 30 July 19 I visited Spandau Bezirksamt Berlin to apply for the Einbürgerung, I was told that there are no more appointments and I should call back in November to make one. In addition I was told that as it's highly likely the UK will leave on the 31 October I would have to give up my British Citizenship.</p> <p>From my understanding there are some Bezirksamt's in Berlin that are able to accept an application before 31 October, allowing residents to keep their UK Citizenship. Can you please advise, I qualify for the Einbürgerung and/or Aufenthaltstitel and would be happy to have just the Aufenthaltstitel but an appointment is not possible, likewise with the Einbürgerung with</p>	<p>Dear Ian, thanks a lot for your message.</p> <p>On your residency appointment question, the Berlin authorities will in time offer you another appointment in order to process your residency application, even if this is now put back a few months because you could not attend the proposed appointment. Please check the Berlin Foreigners' Authority Brexit FAQs for further information: <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php</a></p> <p>On citizenship, you do indeed need to apply with the local office responsible for you. We would encourage you to ask your local office in Spandau again whether, given the circumstances, they could offer you an appointment before November or you could submit your application in writing. As long as you have applied before 31 October 2019 and met all conditions before then, you would not have to give up your UK nationality, even if you don't receive a decision on your application for German nationality until after Brexit.</p>

<p>Bezirksamt Spandau Berlin and I see know reason why I should have to give up my citizenship whilst we are still EU Citizens.</p>	<p>We know that many UK nationals in Berlin are in a similar situation, so you might be interested in exchanging experiences with others through the expat group British in Germany e.V.: <a href="https://britishingermany.org/">https://britishingermany.org/</a></p>
<p>I did my Berlin residency application back in Jan, any idea when I will get my appointment? I've been here less than 5yrs if that makes a difference (I believe these people have been invited first). And will employment status make a difference to the decision re: whether I get residency or not? Thanks</p>	<p>Hi Kirsty, many thanks for your question. You can find more information on the process in Berlin at the Brexit FAQs of the Berlin Foreigners' Authority: <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php</a></p> <p>Last week the German Cabinet approved a draft law confirming that all UK nationals and their family members exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit could stay in Germany and receive a residency permit after Brexit - regardless of employment status.</p>
<p>Hi. I have dual British and French nationality, but the process of getting my French passport is taking a very long time, and may not even be ready by 31st October. In the event that I still only have my British passport at that time, and I then need to register at the Ausländerbehörde as a British citizen, do you know if it's possible at a later stage to "re-register" as a French citizen, and therefore avoid any potential fallout of "only" being a registered British citizen?</p>	<p>Hi Joe, thanks for getting in touch. Regardless of your nationality, you should register with the local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt).</p> <p>Regarding your question, we recommend that you contact your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde). They will be able to advise, bearing in mind your specific individual circumstances as a dual-national of the UK and France. Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>Hi, I am a New Zealand citizen married for 2 years to my British husband and living in Germany for 3 years. I hold a EU partnership visa currently, what will happen to partners of British citizens if our visa is based on EU legislation? And also I'm sure you will answer how Brexit will affect my husband's rights on Germany also</p>	<p>Dear Sarah, After Brexit your husband will have three months (likely to be extended to nine months) in which to apply for a new residency permit from his local Foreigners' Authority.</p> <p>Provided he is currently exercising his free movement rights (e.g. by working or studying), then obtaining a new permit will be a formality. If your right of residency is derived from your husband's, then you too will need to submit a new application, since as you rightly say your existing permit is based on EU law.</p> <p>This too should be a formality, since the German government's proposed new residency law covers all UK nationals and their family members currently exercising free movement rights.</p>
<p>I've been in Germany for 6 years, received my Anmeldebastaetigung when I arrived. Is the advice I am reading saying to register again, or get on another register?</p>	<p>Dear Antony, thank you for contacting us.</p> <p>Many British citizens ask this question. In addition to registering with the local Einwohnermeldeamt or Buergeramt you will also need to register with your local foreigners' authority (Auslaenderbehoerde) and apply for a new residence permit.</p>

	<p>You can find out which one is responsible for you <a href="#">here</a>. Please visit our <a href="#">Living in Germany guide</a> for more detailed information.</p>
<p>I'm currently in the process of planning a move to Berlin later this year. Would it be possible to make the move in the event of a no deal Brexit during the 3 month transitional period outlined by the German govt? Applying for a residence permit within this period, roughly by the end of January 2020, if the UK leaves with no deal on 31st October 2019.</p>	<p>Hi Furhad, The three-month transitional period applies to UK nationals and their family members already in Germany at the moment of Brexit.</p> <p>If you, as a UK national, were to come to Germany after Brexit, then you would be coming on standard third-country national terms under national German immigration law.</p> <p>The good news is that Germany is currently liberalising its immigration law, e.g. for skilled workers, and also intends to add the UK to the list of countries whose nationals can enter the country in search of employment rather than having to first obtain a visa. So you would still be able to come to Germany after Brexit, e.g. for the purposes of seeking employment or studying.</p>
<p>if am not marry with german guy can i live in germany like a partner couple or need to marry for living</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for getting in touch. The German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national who previously had the right to free movement will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>As a British citizen, you must apply for a residence permit at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months during which you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before.</p> <p>The Foreigners' Authority will advise on a permit depending on your individual circumstances. Whereas some permits might be linked to family relationships (e.g. spouses), the German government has committed to ensuring that all UK nationals exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will obtain a residency permit, no matter whether they are married to a German national or not.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>

<p>I live with my German boyfriend. Do we need to marry to be more secure?</p>	<p>Hi Gemma, thanks for your question.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national who previously had the right to free movement will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>As a British citizen, you must apply for a residence permit at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde). The Foreigners' Authority will advise on a permit depending on your individual circumstances. Whereas some permits might be linked to family relationships (e.g. spouses), the German government has committed to ensuring that all UK nationals exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will obtain a residency permit, no matter whether they are married to a German national or not.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>In order to get a residence permit, i understand we have to be exercising our free movement rights. Is being registered as a resident in Berlin sufficient on this front?</p>	<p>Dear Bruce, you are right that the German government has stipulated that UK nationals currently in Germany will receive a residency permit after Brexit provided they are exercising free movement rights.</p> <p>This formally requires more than just being registered as resident, it requires e.g. economic or educational or job-seeking activity, and at a minimum it requires that you have health insurance and enough funds to live on. When applying for a residency permit with the Foreigners' Authority, you would need to demonstrate what the purpose of your residency would be.</p>
<p>Hi, UK citizen, I have been living and working full time in Berlin for over 1 year now and applied in March this year for for a residency title online there was no confirmation email just "Thank you for your application" How long should it take to hear back? Thanks</p> <p>Applied to Ausländerbehörde Berlin  Friedrich-Krause-Ufer 24  13353 Berlin</p>	<p>Hi Jason, the Berlin authorities have told us they will process all applications such as yours by the end of the year, so you should hear back from them with the offer of an appointment towards the end of the year (they are prioritising the longer-term residents).</p>
<p>I am working as a freelancer in Germany. However this often involves travelling to other EU countries to work at the weekends (performance as a musician), but all my tax is paid in Germany and my residence is here. If I</p>	<p>Hi Anil, thanks for your question. The first thing to say is that the EU intends to grant UK nationals visa-free travel for short trips of up to 90 days in 180. Depending on your type of residency title, you may be able to work in other European countries for a specific amount of time.</p>

<p>receive a residence permit for Germany, will I still be able to travel/work in other EU countries so freely? Thanks in advance 😊</p>	<p>Please contact your local Foreigners' Authority on details about different types of residence permits. Also, please have a look at this helpful link for an overview on service provision after Brexit:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm a UK citizen living in Germany for the past 6 years, as such I was eligible for and have recently received my EU-daueraufenthaltstitel (the card given to EU residents residing in a European country for more than 5 years).</p> <p>My question is, will this permit still be valid once Brexit occurs? and what will happen when I come to renew this permit?</p> <p>I asked this question at my local Ausländerbehörde but they had no idea.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time.</p>	<p>Dear Mark, Unfortunately this EU permit will no longer be valid after Brexit since you will no longer be an EU citizen. You will therefore need to approach your local foreigners' authority again after Brexit, when you have three months (and possibly up to nine months) in which to apply for a new residency permit as a non-EU citizen.</p> <p>The German government has recently confirmed that it will ensure that all UK nationals currently exercising free movement rights will be granted a residency permit after Brexit.</p>
<p>What about spouses of British citizens? I am Australian and hold an EU Daueraufenthaltskarte as I have been living here for 7.5 years. Will this still be valid after Brexit? My husband already received the Niederlassungserlaubnis in Berlin. Will I need to apply for a new permanent residence permit? The officer who processed my husband's permit could not answer my question because I am not British.</p>	<p>Hi Kate, it sounds very much like you are set, since you have permanent residency in your own right already (as, now, does your husband too).</p> <p>The local Foreigners' Authority ought to be able to advise you, but since you already have residency status (independent of your husband and hence of Brexit), Brexit should not change anything for you.</p>
<p>I'm British and met my German Fiancee 11 years ago, we've been a couple for 10 years and co-habiting in Frankfurt for 5 years where I have also been registered as living and also as having medical insurance. Between us we are financially secure. Will I be able to remain living here post Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Joe, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national and their family members who previously had the right to free movement will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit. To this end, the German Cabinet on 31.07.2019 adopted a Brexit Residence Transition Law:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-aufenthaltsueberleitungsgesetz.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-aufenthaltsueberleitungsgesetz.html</a></p> <p>After Brexit, you will have to apply to your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for a new residence permit. Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>

<p>I have been in Germany since 1989 and still have my Unbefristet Aufenthaltserlaubnis which was issued in 1995.. Will this be re-recognized, and re-issued after Brexit...?? Will I receive an indefinite Residence Permit..??</p>	<p>Dear Vanessa, many thanks for your question.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this permit might no longer be valid after Brexit, since it was superseded by free movement rules in 2004. You will therefore need to approach your local foreigners' authority after Brexit to apply for a new residency permit as a non-EU citizen.</p> <p>The German government has recently confirmed that it will ensure that all UK nationals currently exercising free movement rights will be granted a residency permit. Assuming you have been in Germany continuously since 1989, it ought to be a simple formality for the foreigners' authority to issue you with a new permanent residency permit.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on foreigners' authorities and take the action recommended by your local foreigners' authority:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I am British. My husband is nonEU (Bosnian) with a permanent residence card with comment "spouse of EU" . Will his residence card still be valid?</p>	<p>Dear Jennifer, many thanks for your question. The German government has confirmed that all UK nationals and their family members living in Germany will be able to stay.</p> <p>You will both need to visit your local Foreigners' Authority (you can locate it on our guide at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> ) in order to apply for new residency permits. You will have a 3-month period, likely to be extended to 9 months, after Brexit in which to submit a new application.</p>
<p>I'm confused! This seems to be a different answer to the one given to me. why does Kate not require to reapply but my husband does? He is Bosnian with a permanent residence card and I am British. Is it because his card has a comment on being spouse of EU citizen ?</p>	<p>Dear Jennifer, many thanks for your excellent follow-up question.</p> <p>Without knowing both your and Kate's exact circumstances, it is difficult to give a definite answer, but our understanding of the question had been that Kate's right to permanent residence was derived from her living 7.5 years in Germany (Erlaubnis zum Daueraufenthalt-EU for non-EU nationals), rather than from her husband.</p> <p>However, as we understand it, your partner is here because of an EU family permit (EU-Daueraufenthaltskarte), which is linked to your residence status. When you will no longer be an EU citizen, his right of residence might also be affected.</p>

	<p>That's why you should both go to your local foreigners' authority together and get new residence permits.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that any UK national and their family members, so also your husband, will receive a residence permit, so don't worry.</p>
<p>What will happen in the case of a no-deal Brexit for those of us with German spouses? Will we automatically be entitled to stay/ stay and work?</p> <p>Thanks 😊</p>	<p>Hi Charlotte, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>The German government has announced that in the event of a no-deal Brexit, there will be an initial 3-month period (which may be extended to 9 months) for British citizens to apply for a residence permit.</p> <p>Your local Foreigners' Authority will then issue a permit depending on your individual circumstances, which might be linked to your family relationships. Although there isn't an automatic entitlement for family members, the German government has committed to ensuring that all UK nationals exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will obtain a residency permit. In the future, standard German immigration law would apply for family members of German citizens.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>I have dual nationality (British and German). If Brexit happens, how would that affect the rights of my British parent in terms of residency and access to public health care should they wish or need to relocate to Germany?</p>	<p>Dear Lee, After Brexit your British parent would be subject to German immigration law on family reunification if they wanted to join you in Germany.</p> <p>There are provisions in German law allowing for non-German parents to join their children (whether German or non-German), but this is usually restricted to hardship cases. You would need to consult your local Foreigners' Authority on the specific details of your case. We've compiled a list of local authorities at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>Hi there, thanks for doing this! I'm eligible to apply for German citizenship from early October (after 6 years) but the Einbürgerungsbehörde Berlin Mitte have an 8-month waiting list for a Beratungstermin! Is there a way to expedite applications to get them in before October 31, or to get dual citizenship after a no deal?</p>	<p>Dear Stephanie, Sorry to hear about what must be a frustrating situation for you. We would encourage you to ask the citizenship office in Berlin Mitte again whether, given the circumstances, they could offer you an appointment before November or whether you could submit your application in writing.</p>

	<p>As long as you have applied before 31 October 2019 and met all conditions before then, you would not have to give up your UK nationality, even if you don't receive a decision on your application for German nationality until after Brexit.</p> <p>We know that many UK nationals in Berlin are in a similar situation, so you might be interested in exchanging experiences with others through the expat group British in Germany: <a href="https://britishingermany.org/">https://britishingermany.org/</a></p>
<p>If we were to leave the Germany for a few years and then wanted to return, would working holiday visas be available to us just like Australians do?</p>	<p>Hi Jack, if you leave Germany for a few years you will forfeit any acquired residency rights and reset the clock on your time in Germany. This will not preclude your returning, but it would mean that you would be subject to German immigration law afresh.</p> <p>The European Commission has said that UK nationals would not need visas for any visits of up to 90 days in a 180-day period. If you wanted to stay longer, you would have to apply for a new residence permit. Germany has indicated its intention to add the UK to the list of countries which can apply for a residence permit from within Germany, as Australians can. It will be for the German government to decide on any future arrangements for UK nationals.</p>
<p>Will Britis with a residence permit be allowed to bring dependant family members (elderly relatives) to join their family home and be looked after by family post-Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Nicola, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, dependant family members would be subject to German immigration law on family reunification if they wanted to join you in Germany. There are provisions in German law allowing for non-German parents to join their children (whether German or non-German), but this is usually restricted to hardship cases. You would need to consult your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) on the specific details of your case.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>I have moved to Germany and registered here since January this year. My partner is German and we are expecting our first child together here in 2 weeks. I have registered at my local foreigners office and waiting to be contacted. We have also registered the parternity of the father so my child will be entitled to German citizenship when he is born, we are not yet married. As I wait to be contacted by the foreigners office I wonder if I need</p>	<p>Dear Charlotte, First of all we wish you all the best with your pregnancy and the imminent arrival of your first child.</p> <p>Please also be reassured that you and your family will be able to remain in Germany after Brexit, particularly by dint of your partner's (and your child's) German nationality and irrespective of a no-deal Brexit.</p>

<p>to do anything else? With a child on the way I would love more information about my right to remain and what happens in the event of no deal Brexit.</p>	<p>You have quite rightly registered for a residency permit already, as you will need to obtain one for yourself after Brexit. However, the local foreigners' authority will probably not contact you to process the application until after Brexit, during the three-month period thereafter when you are required to apply for a residency permit.</p> <p>The German government intends to extend the three-month transitional period for a further six months, and so in a no-deal Brexit on 31 October you would have until the end of July 2020 to process your residency application.</p>
<p>Hello. I live in Germany but work in Luxembourg for the last 5.5 years. I commute everyday. Will getting German residency allow me to continue to work in Luxembourg and the same rights as German citizens? Or do I need a German passport?</p>	<p>Dear Derek, Thank you for getting in touch with us. We understand that you wish to have clarity on your situation. First of all, it is important that you apply for a new residence permit in Germany following Brexit. In addition, please check the requirements regarding work permits in Luxembourg.</p> <p>Social security arrangements for frontier workers are protected through Germany's Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/gesetz-uebergangsregelungen-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/gesetz-uebergangsregelungen-brexit.html</a> ).</p> <p>If you are acquiring German citizenship, EU-regulations will apply. You can find a chapter about dual citizenship in our Living in Germany <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#applying-for-german-citizenship-guide">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#applying-for-german-citizenship-guide</a></p>
<p>Hi, I have a question. I am a British citizen and so is my son. But my husband is Egyptian, and not a British citizen. We are planning on moving and residing in Germany in October.</p> <p>Will myself , my son and husband be able to get residency in Germany?</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Dear Melody,</p> <p>In October you can still come to Germany as an EU citizen with your family under existing free movement rules. If you are then here and exercising free movement rights in the event of a no-deal Brexit at the end of October, you will qualify for a post-Brexit residency permit, which you will need to apply for with the local Foreigners' Authority during the three months after Brexit.</p>
<p>Hi, I live in Germany with my German wife. I have been here 2 years only. How will Brexit effect me? Can I continue living and working here?</p>	<p>Hi Bryan, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that all UK nationals living in Germany before exit day can stay. To ensure you are covered, please make sure you are registered with your local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). If the UK leaves with a deal, your rights will be protected by the Withdrawal Agreement.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further</p>

	<p>six months. During this time, you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before. It is important that you apply for a residence permit within this transition period at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde).</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority. For further information, please consult the Federal Interior Ministry's FAQs: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>Having lived in Germany for many years I'm definitely eligible for citizenship; however, I must be honest and say that I do feel uncomfortable/unhappy at the prospect of 'becoming German' (which I would effectively be while I live here). So I would likely willingly forego a few minor 'privileges' for the sake of remaining 'just British'. My question is whether there are likely to be significant advantages to taking German (i.e. dual) citizenship, i.e. disadvantages to remaining 'only British'. I realise that at this stage many things are still not clarified, but I was wondering whether – from a purely practical point of view – it is recommended as “sensible” to take dual citizenship.</p>	<p>Hello Andrea, thank you for getting in touch today. Choosing to apply for dual citizenship is of course a personal choice and so we cannot advise as to whether this is the right decision for you or not. As you note, there are indeed some key differences between permanent residency status and German citizenship, for example the right to vote in national elections and the right to freedom of movement throughout Schengen. You may want to consult the Federal Interior Ministry FAQs for more information <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a>, or contact your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde).</p>
<p>Please will you summarise what, in your view, the draft Brexit-Aufenthalts-Überleitungsgesetz will mean for UK residents in Germany in the case of a disorderly (no deal) Brexit. Please will you cover the conditions you understand would need to be fulfilled, actions that UK residents would need to take, and any consequences on residence, work, study or benefits entitlements that you understand UK citizens should be aware of. Please address the situation both for those who have been here for many years, and for those who have moved to Germany more recently</p>	<p>All of our recommendations on actions British nationals should take can be found in our Living in Germany guide available here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a></p> <p>As soon as new information becomes available we will publish it on that website. You can sign up for alerts and receive a notification of any changes that we make to that site.</p> <p>If someone is seeking advice regarding his or her particular circumstances and cannot find the answer in the Living in Guide we would like to encourage them to contact us directly via our contact form (<a href="https://www.contact-embassy.service.gov.uk/?country=Germany&amp;post=British%20Embassy%20Berlin%20">https://www.contact-embassy.service.gov.uk/?country=Germany&amp;post=British%20Embassy%20Berlin%20</a>) by telephone (030 20457 0) or by letter (British Embassy, Wilhelm Straße 70, 10117 Berlin)</p>

<p>The British Embassy has acknowledged that it only reaches a small number of British citizens in Germany compared to the total number living here. Once the legal position is established, will the Embassy pay for the Länder to send out a letter to all British citizens on its behalf (using the Melderegister) informing everyone of the steps which they need to take to secure their rights in Germany?</p>	<p>The British Embassy is working very closely with the German Länder and local Foreigners' Authorities to ensure that all UK nationals in Germany are aware of the new rules after Brexit.</p> <p>Many local authorities are proactively reaching out to local British communities to inform them. The British Embassy continues to amplify messaging on multiple channels.</p>
<p>What would happen in the future when moving from a temporary title (eg Aufenthaltserlaubnis) to a permanent one (eg Niederlassungserlaubnis) would we then have to be another, separate fee? Will we also be charged when having to renew permits each time we get a new British passport? Will we be treated similarly to Turkish nationals who have reduced fees for new electronic residence permits and no charge when having a sticker for an existing permit transferred to a new passport?</p>	<p>The German government has not yet taken a decision on whether to impose fees for issuing permits.</p>
<p>Berlin hasn't been charging for post-Brexit residence permits but the new Brexit-Aufenthalts-Überleitungsgesetz doesn't make any mention of costs. Are Brits in other parts of the country have to pay to get a residence title if there is a no deal Brexit? If so, how is this fair given the UK is now offering settled status and pre-settled status without charge?</p>	<p>The German government has not yet taken a decision on whether to impose fees for issuing permits.</p>
<p>Hi! In your advice for Brexit preparations, you said to make sure that we are properly registered in Germany. I just wanted to ask a couple of questions about what this means and whether I need to take any further steps to ensure that I am properly registered. I moved to Germany at the beginning of July and I registered my new address in Dusseldorf with the Einwohnermeldeamt where I received my Anmeldebestätigung. I have organised my health insurance, I will use the online registration process at the Dusseldorf Ausländerbehörde to apply for a residence permit and I will start work at the end of August. During the registration at the Einwohnermeldeamt, I did not show my work contract as I wasn't aware I may need to.</p> <p>I have two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do I need to do anything further?</li> </ol>	<p>Hi Camilla, It sounds like you are doing everything you need to.</p> <p>Your local Foreigners' Authority will be in touch in due course to process your post-Brexit residency application - and the German Cabinet has just approved a draft law ensuring that all UK nationals currently exercising free movement in Germany will receive a residency permit after a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>You'll need to show your job contract when applying for the residency permit (this was not required for mere registration of address), but evidence of your economic activity (e.g. your pay slip for September) will be sufficient evidence that you were exercising free movement at the moment of Brexit.</p>

<p>2. Do I need to prove to a German authority that I comply with freedom of movement regulations?</p> <p>Many thanks in advance for your help!</p>	
<p>Will a residence permit allow temp work in other parts of Europe for a German company?</p>	<p>Hi Nick, thanks for your question.</p> <p>Depending on your type of residency title, you may be able to work in other European countries for a specific amount of time. Please contact your local Foreigners' Authority on details about different types of residence permits.</p> <p>Also, please have a look at this helpful link for an overview on service provision after Brexit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>All the advantages of the proposed German legislation in regards to residence permits and so on seem to apply to British citizens already in Germany now, but will there be some kind of advantageous treatment to British citizens moving to Germany *after* Brexit as well? If so, will this apply only in the 6-months transitional period the German government promised or longer / indefinitely?</p> <p>Thank you very much.</p>	<p>Dear Ann, You are quite right that the German legislative proposals primarily concern UK nationals already in the country.</p> <p>After Brexit, the German government has said it will add the UK to the list of countries whose nationals can come to Germany and apply in-country for longer-term permits (i.e. in excess of three months), rather than having to apply in advance from abroad. Furthermore, Germany is liberalising its labour market to ensure that any third-country national (including UK nationals) can come to Germany to seek employment for six months or to start work if they have a job offer, provided they have a recognised vocational qualification or a university degree.</p>
<p>I am non-EU and my wife is british, we are planning to move and reside in germany this year in October.</p> <p>Will my wife and i be able to get residency in germany?</p>	<p>Hi Mohamed, thank you for your question.</p> <p>Once you arrive to Germany, the first action you need to take is registering with the local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt).</p> <p>In addition, you will need to contact your local Foreigner's Authority (Ausländerbehörde) and apply for a residence permit.</p>

	<p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p> <p>In case of a no-deal Brexit, the German government has confirmed that every UK national living in Germany who previously had the right to free movement and their family members will receive a residence permit. During a transition period of three months (which is likely to be extended for a further six months), you both would have to apply for a residency permit while being able to continue living and working in Germany as before.</p> <p>If you were to only come after Brexit day, standard German immigration law for non-EU nationals would apply. There is a variety of different residency titles in Germany and the Foreigners' Authority will advise on a permit depending on your individual circumstances.</p>
<p>I filled out the form to apply for a brexit appointment shortly after it became available on the berlin.de/labo site (I've been registered in Berlin for just over two years now). I never received an email about an appointment. I'm now about to leave for a lengthy work trip, and will be out of the country for several months from September. Is it normal for those who filled out the form not to have received appointments yet? I'm not sure what the best way to proceed is at this point. I'm quite apprehensive of the possibility of Britain crashing out while I'm out of the country, and having difficulties re-entering Germany.</p>	<p>Hi Patrick, thanks for getting in touch.</p> <p>Great to hear you have already taken the most important step by registering with your local Foreigners' Authority. They will gradually be scheduling appointments for everyone who has applied online, but do not worry if you have not yet received an appointment. The Foreigners' Authority in Berlin have a lot of applications to process and be assured they will be in touch with you in due course. If you are not able to attend the appointment assigned to you due to being out of the country, it is important you inform the Foreigners' Authority.</p> <p>You might also want to have look at their Brexit FAQs:  <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php</a></p> <p>As long as a decision on your residency application is outstanding, your right to live and work in Germany will not change. If you are travelling in and out of Germany after Exit day and have not yet received your residency permit, you may need to allow extra time for passport control, and it could be helpful to carry additional documents to prove your long-term residency in Germany e.g. previous residency certificates or employment contract.</p>
<p>With the new residence permit that will be allocated in the event of no deal, how long will we will be allowed to leave Germany for before we lose our status when we return?</p>	<p>Dear Ava, as a rule a temporary residence permit would expire once you had left Germany for 6 months or longer, though in some circumstances a longer period of absence would be permitted.</p>

	For arrangements in specific cases you would need to consult your local Foreigners' Authority.
<p>This is a very useful service you offer, so firstly, thank you to you and the team. I expect a lot of questions will be directly about an individuals own situation so I will kick it off with a more general one first; I read recently that the German Government have already set up policies where British citizens (who have the right to free movement within Germany) will be "guaranteed" that they can live here even after a no deal Brexit, could you elaborate on this for us please?</p>	<p>Dear Carky, Many thanks for your comments. You are right that the German Cabinet last week published a draft law which guarantees continuing residency after a no-deal Brexit to all UK nationals and their family members currently exercising free movement rights.</p> <p>The draft law still needs to pass through the Bundestag and Bundesrat to become law. You can find further information here (in German): <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/DE/brexit-aufenthalts-ueberleitungsgesetz.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/DE/brexit-aufenthalts-ueberleitungsgesetz.html</a></p> <p>Please also sign up for email alerts on our Living in Germany guide where we will be publishing further information as and when it becomes available: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>Will the rules/conditions on residency in the event of no deal be the same across Germany or will they be up for interpretation across the different states</p>	<p>The rules are uniform, but implementation is devolved to the individual foreigners' authorities.</p> <p>The Federal interior Ministry issues implementing guidelines to help the federal states and foreigners' authorities implement the law consistently, and the British Embassy is in regular contact with the German authorities to monitor implementation.</p>
<p>I have had my appointment at the Ausländerbehörde and received a permanent residence permit. I am now about to leave Germany for a year - I know that permanent residency requires me to be in the country every 6 months. Can you confirm when this 6 month clock starts? Is it a) When I leave the country? b) When (if!) we No-Deal brexit? c) When any Germany-mandated transition period for Brits in Germany ends?</p>	<p>Dear Josie, many thanks for this very good question.</p> <p>Technically, your permanent residence permit only becomes valid at (no-deal) Brexit and not before. Whilst the UK is still in the EU you are entitled to reside here under free movement rules, which do not require you to be in the country for a specific time.</p> <p>However, your previous periods of residence might no longer count if you left the country for more than 6 months. After Brexit day, how long you're entitled to leave Germany for will depend on your specific residence permit. Please contact your local foreigners' authority (Ausländerbehörde) for further information.</p>
<p>Hello, I have a job starting on the 1st November in Germany but currently still living in U.K. Would I still be ok to apply for the residency after that time? Also, we planned for my long term boyfriend to move with me and</p>	<p>Dear Colette, in a no-deal Brexit scenario your job would be starting after Brexit. Nevertheless, you will still be able to come in November and apply for a residency permit upon arrival.</p>

<p>look for jobs. Can he also apply for a residency without a job? Thank you very much!</p>	<p>Your partner (a UK national?) could similarly accompany you as a job-seeker, and would also need to apply for a residency permit, on which the local Foreigners' Authority would decide. Whether he also obtains a permit to stay would depend for instance on whether he has a qualification (vocational or academic) and whether he can secure a job offer.</p> <p>For further information, please see the Federal Interior Ministry's Brexit FAQs: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>Hi, thank you for doing this.</p> <p>My first question is, is the residence permit that is being issued to Brits a temporary permit (and we would therefore need to reapply each year/ three years) or permanent?</p> <p>And secondly, with many of us not receiving our ballot papers for the EU elections just gone, and the possibility of a snap election, would the embassy staff support/ push for the adoption of embassy voting?</p> <p>Many Australian's received their postal ballots within plenty of time to fill out and return to the other side of the world, and also have the option of embassy voting. This seems like a far more effective and reliable way to get overseas citizens votes counted.</p>	<p>Dear Jack, Thanks for the appreciation.</p> <p>The permits being issued after Brexit will be temporary in some cases and permanent in others (the latter, for example, where someone has lived in Germany for over five years already). You are right, therefore, that if you receive a temporary permit, you would at some point in the future need to apply for an extension.</p> <p>In addition, residence permits are linked to individuals' passports. Therefore, you would need to renew your residence permit every time you renew your passport. However, this would not be a full application, but simply an administrative process to renew the document.</p> <p>Thank you also for your question about your right to vote. We know that this is an issue which concerns many UK nationals living in Germany. We will publish any updates on this matter on our Living in Germany guide: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I have lived in Germany since 2006 with my German husband and our dual nationality son. When I arrived we registered me at our home address at the local Amt office. We just want to know what I need to do beyond that as the staff at the foreigners office in Bad Oldesloe, in March, just told me to come back after Brexit had occurred. It just feels like too simple an answer.</p>	<p>Dear Sarah, in addition to having registered (Anmeldebescheinigung), as you seem to have already done, you will need to apply for a new residence permit at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde).</p> <p>While some Foreigners' Authorities have already made information available (see our guidance here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a>) others are waiting for Brexit to actually occur.</p> <p>The important thing to be aware of is that, in either scenario, you will eventually need to apply for new documentation at the Bad Oldesloe Foreigners' Authority.</p>

<p>In the event of a no-deal Brexit we will be given 3 months to apply for a residence permit. I should be eligible for a permanent residence permit since I have lived here for 20 years. What happens with traveling outside of the EU and the UK (in my case South Africa) during this 3 month period? Will we be allowed to leave Germany or are we required to hand in our passport as part of the application? If not, how complicated will it be to return to Germany assuming that the application for a permit is still in process? Many thanks</p>	<p>Hi Melanie, thanks for your question.</p> <p>You are right that in a no-deal scenario Germany is planning a 3 month transition period during which UK nationals will need to apply for a new residency permit (this is likely to be extended by a further 6 months). Until a decision is taken on your residency application your right to live and work in Germany will remain unchanged.</p> <p>You will be able to travel outside of Germany and return, however you may need to allow extra time for passport control when re-entering Germany. We recommend carrying additional documentation demonstrating your long-term residency in Germany e.g. previous residency certificates or employment contracts, in order to help reduce delays. We hope that information is helpful, you can always find more detail on our Living in Germany Guide: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I am a UK citizen who moved here with my wife who is a US citizen. She got her residence permit through my EU status. Does anything change for her status after No Deal Brexit?</p> <p>I am currently self-employed working for one client in the Netherlands. Does anything change for my status as a freelancer/self-employed in the event of No Deal?</p>	<p>Dear Andrew, many thanks for your questions.</p> <p>Since your wife's status is dependent on yours, you would both need to contact your local Foreigners Authority together to discuss your future residency and submit applications for new permits. The German government has pledged to protect your residency status (UK nationals and family members exercising free movement rights at the point of Brexit), meaning you should be able to obtain new residency permits. You can find further information on the Federal Interior Ministry's Brexit FAQs: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German government plans an initial transition period of 3 months, likely to be extended to 9 months. During this time, you would be allowed to undertake any kind of economic activity. In addition, we recommend that you check the information on service provision in other EU countries, in your case the Netherlands: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/providing-services-to-eea-and-efta-countries-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>I have been living and working in Germany in the last five years. I just resigned from my job. Is the future "residence permit for the British" tied to a job? In other words, do I need to have a job in Germany to apply for one?</p>	<p>Dear Jiao, thanks for your question. Residence permits are not necessarily tied to a job.</p> <p>The German cabinet has just adopted draft legislation designed to ensure that someone in your situation will be guaranteed a residency permit even if you do not</p>

	<p>currently have a job. This now needs to be passed through both houses of parliament.</p> <p>Please sign up for updates on the Living in Germany guide on gov.uk where we will publish further information as and when it becomes available.  <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I would like to know what will happen about my non-Eu spouse as we are here exercising our freedom of movement. He has received a 5 year residency based on marriage to Eu citizen.</p>	<p>Dear Fiona,</p> <p>Under the German government's recent proposed legislation all UK nationals and their family members (such as your non-EU spouse) exercising free movement rights at the moment of Brexit will be granted residency permits after a no-deal Brexit. You should contact your local foreigners' authority together as you will both need to obtain new documentation after Brexit.</p> <p>For further information, please check the Federal Interior Ministry's Brexit FAQs:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>I only registered here 6 months ago took me 6 months to find an anmeldung what position does this put me in? Do I have the right for a residence permit?</p>	<p>Hi Sara, thanks for getting in touch. If you are already registered with the local Registration Office (well done!), the next step is contacting your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) to apply for a residence permit.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that every UK national living in Germany before exit day will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit. The German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months during which you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before.</p> <p>The Foreigners' Authority will advise on a permit depending on your individual circumstances. Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>Hello I moved to Berlin in March and have been studying the language so I can start a 3 month internship in October. My main priority is to stay in this city. I have a Meldebestätigung but from what I can tell, this isn't enough to be 'registered'. Will I have to enroll on at a university or find a high paying job to give me grounds to be remain here? Thank you!</p>	<p>Hi Jack, thanks for getting in touch. If you're already registered with the local Registration Office (well done!) and have your Meldebestätigung, the next step is contacting your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) to apply for a residence permit.</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that every UK national living in Germany at the time of Brexit will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit.</p>

	<p>The German government plans an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended for a further six months during which you will be able to continue living and working in Germany as before.</p> <p>The Foreigners' Authority will advise on a permit depending on your individual circumstances. Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>I am a British citizen living in Germany with my non-EU unmarried partner. We have been fighting for over a year with German authorities over their lack of legal mechanism to facilitate my partner's entry and residence under the FOM Directive (the Commission initiated their infringement procedures against Germany on this in 2011). It is unlikely that the Foreign Office will allow us to submit an application before Brexit, and in a no deal Brexit my partner will lose this EU right to facilitation, as it is not protected under the current FoM Act or the published draft legislation for no deal. Will the embassy help us secure my partner's rights to continue living with me in Germany, especially when no deal is the outcome our government is pursuing?</p>	<p>Hi Andrew, thanks for getting in touch. In case the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the FOM Directive will no longer apply to UK Nationals in Germany.</p> <p>However, the German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national and their family members who previously exercised their right to free movement would receive a residence permit.</p> <p>As a British citizen, you would be able to continue living and working in Germany as before during the initial transition period of three months (which is likely to be extended by another 6 months).</p> <p>Once you applied for residence permits, the decision on residency for you and your partner lies with the German authorities. Please contact your local Foreigner's Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for advice in your individual circumstances.</p>
<p>Hi!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I work as a self-employed IT Consultant and invoice UK companies for my services. Will I need to make any changes to how I do this?</li> <li>2. I'm also owner/Director of a UK limited company, will a no-deal Brexit cause Germany to treat my ownership of this company differently?</li> <li>3. If I start a citizenship application in Germany and am granted it after Brexit, will I have to renounce my UK citizenship?</li> </ol> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Dear Andrew, many thanks for your questions. Please find our answers below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In principle, you will still be able to invoice UK companies for your services. However, please do check this guidance on financial services after Brexit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexite-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexite-deal">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexite-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexite-deal</a></li> <li>2. 2. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, Limited companies would no longer enjoy freedom of establishment in Germany. On 1 January 2019, German legislation entered into force to allow small companies currently registered as Ltd under UK law to convert their status into a German company. Please check the German law here (in German:</li> </ol>

	<p><a href="https://www.bmju.de/DE/Themen/FokusThemen/Brexit/Gesellschaftsrecht/Brexit_Gesellschaft_node.html">https://www.bmju.de/DE/Themen/FokusThemen/Brexit/Gesellschaftsrecht/Brexit_Gesellschaft_node.html</a> ) and take the necessary action.</p> <p>3. In the UK there are no restrictions on dual nationality. The German government has adopted legislation to ensure that if you have applied and met all conditions for your German nationality before exit day (in a no deal scenario) or the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020, in a deal scenario), you will be able to keep your British nationality. You can find more information about this at the very bottom of the following website: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>I live in NRW, with my Belgian wife and four children who are British passport carriers.</p> <p>1) Will the new law introduced in Germany mean our children require a residence permit when no deal happens?</p> <p>2) Am I right to assume my right to stay is tied to my job and our children's right to kindergeld?</p> <p>3) I'm worried that my UK HND college diploma/qualifications won't be recognised after Brexit, what can/should I do?</p> <p>I'm working on the basis of brexit happens Oct31 31 no matter what. If it doesn't happen, what next? :)</p>	<p>Hi Nick thanks for your questions - please find our answers below:</p> <p>1) Yes, your children will need to obtain a residency permit as well. At most foreigners' authorities you can apply collectively as a family.</p> <p>2) The German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national and their family members who previously had the right to free movement will receive a residence permit in the case of a no-deal Brexit. To this end, the German Cabinet on 31.07.2019 adopted a Brexit Residence Transition Law. This now needs to be passed by the Bundestag and Bundesrat: <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-aufenthaltsueberleitungsgesetz.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-aufenthaltsueberleitungsgesetz.html</a></p> <p>Access to Kindergeld is linked to your residence status. The German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months after exit day, which they intend to extend by a further six months. During this time, your right to receive Kindergeld would be protected. Please ensure you apply for a residence permit during this time. For more information on Kindergeld, please have a look at the Familienportal's Brexit FAQs. <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a> You will need to scroll down a bit to the Kindergeld section (in German).</p> <p>3) Recognition of academic qualifications (Bachelors, Masters, PhDs) will not be affected by the UK's exit from the EU but other professional qualifications may be. If you are concerned that your HND diploma will not be recognised, we recommend that you consult the Anerkennung in Deutschland website who have more details: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">brexit.php</a> Using their recognition finder you can find relevant information and links, or contact details to responsible authorities in your area.</p> <p>And you are right, the UK government has stated that the UK will be leaving the EU on the 31 October. It is therefore important that you take any necessary actions to secure your status in Germany with this deadline in mind.</p> <p>If Brexit was delayed, your rights in Germany would not change until Brexit actually happens.</p>
<p>I'm a British citizen who has just moved to Kassel, Hesse, and I'm soon to be married to a German citizen. I have some concerns. Here's my situation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I currently don't have a job as I'm looking into doing an international degree (not one based in Germany since I don't speak German yet).</li> <li>2. I have registered at my local town office (Lohfelden) to show that I am living there.</li> <li>3. I have to collect a bunch of paperwork and get it translated to get married so that will take time and I'm not sure yet how long it will take.</li> </ol> <p>Here's my questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I travel a lot between London and Germany as I have immediate family in both. So far it has been with ease. How will my travel status change after Brexit?</li> <li>2. Do I need to apply for a residence permit? If so what's the time frame for that. Do I need a residence permit if I am married within this time frame?</li> <li>3. How will it affect my marriage application?</li> <li>4. Does Brexit change my ability to work? Do I need extra paperwork to show to employers etc?</li> <li>5. How easily can I travel throughout Europe with my British passport?</li> </ol>	<p>Hi Ray, thank you for raising these questions that cover a variety of important issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On travelling around exit day, the German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens, who live in Germany, and their family members, will be able to enter Germany even in the case of a no deal exit. You should allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany to make border checks easier. Examples of documents you could carry are: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</li> <li>2) As a UK national you will need to apply for a residency permit after a no-deal Brexit, regardless of whether you are married in this time or not. The government has provided for an initial three month transitional period in which to apply for a new residence permit, although this period is likely to be extended to nine months. Please see our guidance on foreigners' authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></li> <li>3) Brexit will not change anything regarding your marriage application.</li> <li>4) During the initial 3-9 months period, you can undertake any type of economic activity, including work for any employer. Afterwards, your right to work will depend on the residency permit you obtain.</li> <li>5) If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the European Commission has said UK nationals will not need visas for short stays (up to 90 days in a 180 day period) in another EU, EEA or EFTA country. Those UK nationals resident in a member state, should take their residence permit (or if not yet received, an official</li> </ol>

	<p>confirmation of application) with them when travelling to other EU, EEA or EFTA countries.</p> <p>If there are any changes, we will update our Living in Germany guide. (<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a>)</p>
<p>Thank you for offering this opportunity. I apologise if these questions have already been asked.</p> <p>My questions are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How will employment status affect residency applications i.e. not being full-time employed?</li> <li>2) Will the residency application process be different for non-EU spouses of British citizens who currently hold a spouse reunification visa?</li> <li>3) Will re-registering in a different Bundesland close to the Brexit deadline affect the residency application?</li> <li>4) Will it be possible to register in more than one Einwohnermeldeamt and/or Ausländerbehörde i.e. have two residences in different Bundesländer?</li> <li>5) Will dual-nationality be possible in the future if applied for post-Brexit?</li> <li>6) What will the regulations/restrictions on freelance work in Germany be post-Brexit?</li> <li>7) Are there any ways of strengthening or fast-tracking the residency (both temporary and permanent) application (e.g. B1 German, Integrationskurs, studies in a German university)?</li> </ol> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Hi Lorna, thanks for getting in touch with these important questions. Please find our answers below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Firstly, be assured that the German government has said it will grant all UK nationals previously exercising free movement rights in Germany a residency permit in a no-deal scenario, so not working full-time will not impact your eligibility to stay in Germany. But the type of permit you receive will depend on a number of factors. When you apply to your local Foreigners' Authority they will be able to advise you which permit is appropriate for you.</li> <li>2) If your non-EU spouse is already resident in Germany together with you, then they will be protected as a direct family member. You will both need to apply for new residency permits with your local Foreigners' Authority. Most Foreigners' Authorities allow joint applications for families.</li> <li>3) If you move residence it is of course important that you register your new address with your new Foreigners' Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). In addition, if you have already begun your application for a new residency permit with your previous local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde), then you must inform them as well as your new local Foreigners' Authority about your change in residence. This is important, to ensure that the local authorities can update your residency application accordingly.</li> <li>4) Unfortunately, we cannot answer this question. Please check with your local Foreigner's Authority.</li> <li>5) In the UK there are no restrictions on dual nationality. Germany only allows dual nationality in exceptional circumstances, including for EU citizens. Thanks to German Brexit-regulation, you would be able to keep your British nationality when taking up German citizenship if you have applied and met all criteria to become German before the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020). In a no deal scenario, you would have to applied and fulfilled all requirements for becoming German on Brexit day.</li> </ol>

	<p>6) If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, freelancers will be able to work in Germany as now until the end of 2020. Rules relating to the provision of services to other member states beyond that would depend on the future relationship between the UK and the EU.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German government plans an initial transition period of 3 months, likely to be extended by another 6, during which your working rights would not be affected. During this period, you would need to apply for a new residence permit. Your right to work in Germany beyond the transition period would depend on the residence permit you are issued with. Please check this link for further information, <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/fag-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/fag-brexit.html</a> or your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde) will be able to advise you which residence permit might be appropriate for you.</p> <p>7) As is the case with your first question, the important factor here is that immigration law is administered locally in Germany, so we advise you to consult your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde) for more information about what residency permit might be appropriate for you. As the local Foreigners' Authority will decide on individual applications, unfortunately we cannot confirm what impact e.g. a German language qualification will have on your individual application.</p>
<p>What are the conditions to remain in Germany for freelancers likely to be? Any income requirements?</p> <p>Will UK education qualifications be recognized post Brexit? If no, what is process to get recognition pre Brexit please?</p> <p>Under proposed plans, if we are successful in getting permits, presumably partly because we already live in Germany pre Brexit, will these automatically end if we leave Germany for 6 months or longer?</p> <p>Thank you :)</p>	<p>Hi Raakhee, there are many different types of residence permits under German law and it's difficult for us to say which one is best suited to your particular circumstances as a freelancer.</p> <p>We hope it helps you to know that the German government has agreed to grant all UK nationals previously exercising free movement rights in Germany (such as yourself) a residency permit in a no-deal scenario. When you apply to your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) they will be able to advise you, what type of residence permit would be suitable for you as a freelancer and what the exact requirements are. They would also be able to advise you for how long you could leave Germany without losing your right to residence.</p> <p>UK qualifications that are already recognised in Germany will remain valid after Brexit. If you hold a professional qualification from the UK, which has not yet been recognised in Germany, we recommend that you start the recognition process now. You can find more detailed guidance on how to do this on the following</p>

	<p>website: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexid.php?fbclid=IwAR2w - dL1G8G7vnuigYo4SIEmtcmnWDWalnK_wRHj_QKrCRFOAI0aqmD5-8">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexid.php?fbclid=IwAR2w - dL1G8G7vnuigYo4SIEmtcmnWDWalnK_wRHj_QKrCRFOAI0aqmD5-8</a></p>
<p>I would really like to know what the Embassy can do or is doing to lobby for our resettlement rights should we choose to return to the UK with our families at any point after Brexit.</p> <p>Should the current non-EU immigration rules apply to EU citizens, this will affect many people who've already made life decisions based on the current situation.</p> <p>This will also adversely affect families where the Brit is the lower-earner or chief caregiver (often female), people in lower-income professions who previously benefited from the EU's full freedom of movement, the young, and the elderly.</p> <p>We desperately need reassurance that families who were settled in Germany or the rest of the EU before Brexit will continue to have the right to return to the UK at short notice and without complications. Otherwise people WILL be forced to choose between their family in the UK and their family on the continent.</p> <p>We need to be able to move back to care for dying relatives and easily take our partners and any children with us. We didn't choose this situation. Some people I know would have been eligible for dual citizenship but missed that window of opportunity, never knowing they'd later need to have acquired UK citizenship while they could. :(</p> <p>Rose Newell CC Rachel Marriott, who is one of MANY many people who will be particularly affected.</p> <p>I would be able to jump through the hoops, but it'd still be complicated and expensive for me, and I also know how unusual it is that I can jump through them (self-employed with remote business, main earner, earning above the current non-EU threshold). I'm still not certain I'd be able to skip the six-month waiting period by being self-employed, either.</p>	<p>Dear Rose,</p> <p>Many thanks for your question and apologies for the delay in getting back to you. We understand that this is a very important issue for you and many others in similar situations.</p> <p>The UK government is very aware of these concerns, and published a policy paper which addresses this in April 2019: <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792710/Citizens_Rights_-_UK_nationals_in_the_EU.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792710/Citizens_Rights - UK nationals in the EU.pdf</a></p> <p>The UK government will ensure that UK nationals, their children and other existing close family members can return to the UK under current rules, until 29 March 2022. This means that existing close family members, such as children, spouses, partners, parents and grandparents, where the relationship existed on exit day (or where a child was born overseas after this date) and continues to exist when they seek to return, will be able to apply to and qualify for the EU Settlement Scheme.</p> <p>After 29 March 2022, such family members will be able to return to the UK by applying through the applicable UK Immigration Rules. These arrangements will apply in both a deal and no deal scenario providing UK nationals in the EU with sufficient continuity after exit to allow families to plan with confidence, while also bringing family reunion rights for all UK nationals in the UK and abroad into alignment from 29 March 2022.</p> <p>We hope this information was useful for you and your family. You might also want to sign up for email alerts on <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>, where we will publish further information as and when it becomes available.</p>

## Travel

Questions	Answers
<p>Either in a deal or no deal brexit, brits in UK (many of them brexit-voting) only need a passport to be a &lt;90 day tourist in any EU27 country. They have the LUXURY to make a tour through all EU27 countries with just their passport.</p> <p>So why do Brits in EU get punished and have to carry and show their passports AND resident permits when temporarily being a &lt;90 day tourist in other EU27 countries?</p>	<p>Dear Stevie, thanks for your question, and we appreciate that there are a lot of changes. The reason Brits resident in the EU will need to carry residence permits (or an official confirmation of application, or Fiktionsbescheinigung) as well as their passports when travelling to another EU, EEA or EFTA country, is that you may already have been within Schengen for more than 90 days when you take your trip.</p> <p>Carrying your documents should reduce delays at the border. Please have a look at this link for further information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe</a></p>
<p>If possible, can you go into more detail about the documents required for re-entry into Germany after a no-deal Brexit and before a residence permit has been received?</p> <p>The website from the German government lists examples such as work and housing contracts, city registration etc but I'm unsure if all of these are necessary and I should plan for a long wait at the airport etc. Or just some will be okay.</p>	<p>Dear Pippa, this is a question affecting a lot of British citizens living in Germany. The German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens who live in Germany, and their family members, will continue to be permitted to enter Germany even in the case of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>There are several options for documents that might be helpful in reducing delays at the border (residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar). You won't need to carry all of these, as long as you have proof that you reside in Germany.</p>
<p>I will be travelling to the UK 1-3 November. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, what documents should I take with me to get back into Germany? (to be safe).</p>	<p>Dear John, thank you for raising this question. To make border checks easier, please carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany.</p> <p>There are several options for documents that might be helpful: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p>

	<p>You can find this information on the website of the German Federal Interior Ministry However, please allow extra time for passport control when you re-enter Germany.</p>
<p>Quick one, if I have a German residence permit will I be able to travel to EU countries for leisure without restrictions, i.e trips to Austria or Italy?</p>	<p>Hi Blake, yes, your residence permit will allow you to travel to other Schengen countries for holiday purposes.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, then you will not require a visa for short stays of up to 90 days in a 180-day period. You may need to allow for more time at passport control when re-entering Germany, and we recommend carrying additional documents that prove your residence in Germany (e.g. residence permit, employment or rental contract) to help reduce any delays at the border.</p> <p>You can sign up for alerts on our Living in Germany Guide to be notified of any updates: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I am British working in Germany and spending long periods of time in Spain. In the case of no deal Brexit, will my German work visa allow me to travel and spend time in Spain too?</p>	<p>Hi Chloe, as you don't need a visa or permit to work in Germany now, we assume you mean a work visa you obtain after Brexit.</p> <p>The EU plans to grant UK citizens visa-free travel to the EU, EEA and Switzerland after the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. This means that UK citizens (including those with a residence permit in Germany) will be able to travel visa-free for tourism, business meetings, training, attending conferences, sports/cultural events and short-term study for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.</p> <p>If you wish to spend longer periods of time in a different EU country, you will have to comply with that country's immigration rules.</p> <p>Please also check the Living in Germany guide <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a> and <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe</a></p>
<p>By pure coincidence and before the October 31st date was decided upon I shall be going to the UK from Germany on the 1st November returning on</p>	<p>Hi Mary, thanks for your question – it's a concern we've heard a few times today.</p>

<p>the 8th November. I have lived here for 40 years, all my paperwork is in tact. Should I expect to have any problems at Customs, at either end?</p>	<p>You shouldn't expect any problems at the border, as the German government has confirmed that UK citizens will continue to be permitted to enter Germany, even in the case of a no-deal Brexit. We recommend that you carry additional documents that prove your residence in Germany (e.g. residence permit or Fiktionsbescheinigung as proof of residence application, employment or rental contract) to help reduce any delays at the border. You might also want to allow more time than usual for passport control.</p> <p>For more information you can sign up for alerts on our Living in Germany Guide to be notified of any updates: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I'm thinking of booking flights to the UK in December. Should I wait until after October 31st ?</p>	<p>Hi Ian, thank you for contacting us about your trip to the UK. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, you will still be able to re-enter Germany, even if you have not received your residence permit by then.</p> <p>In this case, you should allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany to make border checks easier.</p> <p>Examples for documents you could carry are: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p>
<p>Should travel plans post-October 31st wait to be confirmed until after the date has passed?</p>	<p>Hi there, thanks for the question.</p> <p>There is no need to delay travel plans – the German government has confirmed that UK citizens will continue to be permitted to re-enter Germany, even in the case of a no-deal Brexit. We would still recommend that you allow extra time for passport control, and please make sure that you carry additional documents that prove your residence in Germany (e.g. residence permit or Fiktionsbescheinigung as proof of residence application, or your employment or rental contract).</p> <p>For more information you can sign up for alerts on our Living in Germany Guide to be notified of any updates: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>We have dual nationality GB German.plan to travel to uk to visit a couple of times a year with Gb passport will there be any problems returning to eu after each short visit or should we get german passport as well as our id cards?</p>	<p>Thanks for your message, Pat. There's no need to have both a German and UK passport. There will be no changes at the UK border until the end of 2020.</p> <p>Even in the event of a no deal, you can enter the UK and re-enter Germany using either your UK passport or German ID card. It might be helpful to carry both your</p>

	UK passport and German ID card when travelling, just in case there are any questions about your residence status when re-entering Germany.
<p>If I need to travel from Germany to the UK after 31st Oct (Christmas time) and have not been able to get any additional registration from the local authority in Germany- should I anticipate problems when coming back from holiday? Not sure how quickly we can apply for the re-registration after official Brexit date and how long the German authorities may take to process the application ...thanks!</p>	<p>Hi Victoria, sorry we didn't get to your question yesterday!</p> <p>The German government has confirmed that UK nationals will continue to be able to re-enter Germany, even if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, so you do not need to worry about making holiday plans for Christmas.</p> <p>It is important that you follow the instructions of your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde) regarding when to apply for a new residency permit. We will update our guidance as and when we have more information from individual authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p> <p>Some authorities are being more proactive than others so do not worry if yours has not started the application process yet. Importantly, until a decision is taken on your residency application, your rights will not change.</p> <p>However, we would still recommend that you allow extra time for passport control at the border, and it is a good idea to carry additional documents to show your previous long-term residency in Germany e.g. a previous residence permit, Fiktionsbescheinigung as proof of your residence application, or an employment contract.</p>
<p>Hi!</p> <p>1. What are the recommendations for travelling back to the UK during the weekend immediately after Brexit? I need to travel there for a few days from the 31st October – 2nd November and was wondering if I would have any problems getting back into Germany.</p> <p>2. Will the new law introduced in Germany mean that all UK citizen's currently living in here will be granted a residence permit in the case of a no deal or will there be conditions (e.g. we must be employed or have a certain level of German)?</p> <p>3. I have heard that we should get any UK qualifications officially recognised in Germany. Does this also apply to regular university degrees (e.g. BSc and PhD) or will these still be accepted after Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Hannah, thank you for contacting us with your questions.</p> <p>On your first question travelling around exit day, the German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens who live in Germany, and their family members, will be able to enter Germany even in the case of a no deal exit. You should allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany to make border checks easier. Examples of documents you could carry are: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p> <p>On your second question, the German cabinet approved a draft law last week confirming that all UK nationals living in Germany on Brexit day would be able to stay and receive a residency permit if the UK leaves without a deal. The type of permit you receive will depend on your status, e.g. as a worker or student. For further information, please check the Federal Interior Ministry's Brexit FAQs:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p> <p>Finally, the recognition of academic qualifications (Bachelors, Masters, PhDs) is unaffected by the UK's exit from the EU. For other professional qualifications and more information please see the Living in Germany guide <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>Hello, I have some other questions;</p> <p>1) can we travel back to the UK for a short visit when we have submitted residency but not confirmed yet?</p> <p>2) Can we move property once we have submitted the residency? Do we need to re-register every time we move? Thank you very much for your time for our questions!</p>	<p>Hi Colette, thank you for raising your questions that are of interest to many British citizens residing in Germany.</p> <p>The German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens who live in Germany, and their family members, will be able to enter Germany even in the case of a no deal exit. You should allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany to make border checks easier. Examples of documents you could carry are: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p> <p>Once you have obtained a new residency permit it will be valid across Germany, regardless of whether you move domicile. You would need to register your new address locally with the local Einwohneranmeldeamt (and check with them whether you also need to register with the local Foreigners' Authority) after a move, but as long as the purpose of your residency does not change then your existing permit will remain valid.</p>

## Passports and Nationality

Questions	Answers
<p>I am from Northern Ireland have dual Irish / U.K. nationality. I registered in Berlin (Anmeldung) with my Irish passport. I'm assuming I don't need to register for a settlement permit; however do I need to do anything else, e.g. registering my U.K. passport in terms of NI / pension contributions etc?</p>	<p>Dear Anne, thanks a lot for your question. You are right that because of your Irish passport you will not need to obtain a residency permit in Germany after Brexit.</p> <p>However, you might want to consider taking some other steps, such as exchanging your UK driving licence or UK professional qualifications. Please check our Living in Germany guide: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>

<p>If I started my German Residency (German Passport) application before Oct 31, 2019 will I be able to keep both my UK &amp; German passports even if the application is not completed until after Oct 31, 2019?</p>	<p>Hi Chris, thanks for your question. If there is a no deal Brexit, you would need to have submitted your citizenship application, and met all the stated criteria (e.g. been a resident in Germany for the required amount of time, any language requirements) by 31 October 2019 in order to hold both British and German nationality (and to keep both passports).</p> <p>But you wouldn't need to have received a final decision by that date. If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, you would have until the end of the implementation period (31 December 2020) to submit your application and meet all the stated criteria.</p> <p>Your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) will be able to advise whether you can apply for German citizenship now. You can find their contact details here: <a href="https://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Functions/WebGIS/EN/WebGIS_Auslaenderbehoerde.html">https://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Functions/WebGIS/EN/WebGIS_Auslaenderbehoerde.html</a></p>
<p>I recently became a German citizen through Einbuengerung. After Brexit, can I continue to hold both a UK and DE passport?</p>	<p>Hi Laura, thanks for your message and congratulations on your German citizenship!</p> <p>UK nationals who have already received German citizenship before exit day will not have to give up either their UK or German nationality. In Germany, if the UK leaves the EU with a deal and you qualify for citizenship before the end of the implementation period (31 December 2020), you would not have to give up your UK passport in order to obtain German nationality.</p> <p>In the event of a no deal exit, German law ensures that anyone who has applied before exit day and met all conditions on that day, but whose application has not been processed yet, would still be able to retain their UK nationality when accepting German nationality. I hope this helps – please see here for more information on applying for German citizenship.</p>
<p>if live here after 5 years will get permit visa or not</p>	<p>Hi Armstrong, yes, after 5 years residence in Germany you will qualify for permanent residency in both a deal or a no-deal scenario.</p>

	<p>If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, then any UK national who has been resident in Germany for 5 continuous years will be awarded a permanent residency permit. In a no-deal scenario, the German government has confirmed that no UK national will be required to leave Germany and under the draft residency law published last week, anyone here for 5 continuous years will be awarded a permanent residency status.</p> <p>But in either scenario it is very important that you are registered with the foreigners' registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt) and apply for your new residency permit with your foreigners' authority (Ausländerbehörde).</p> <p>Please have a look at our guidance and take the necessary steps as recommended by your local authority:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>For the British citizens that have applied for, and now been granted German citizenship, is there any Brexit outcome that would require us to relinquish our British citizenship in order to keep the German citizenship?</p> <p>And for parents who's children have dual British and German citizenship from birth, what are the possible effects on their children's dual citizenship because of Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi Rebecca, thanks for this question on dual nationality. If you have already obtained both citizenships, you will not have to give up any of them under any scenario.</p>
<p>Firstly i would like to thank you for this service, its a great opportunity for all us Brits in Germany.  I moved to germany 2 and a half years ago due to my partner. We have got married in Germany and i have been employed for the past year in my professional field. My husband is a German citizen and he also has a full time good job. I have already got a new British passport with my changed surname and also obtained a German drivers licence. Im really confused about how the Brexit will effect me. Would i need to give up my British citizenship in order to be a German citizen to obtain my full rights?</p>	<p>Hi Hüs Süm, many thanks for taking the time to let us know that you find this format useful, we really appreciate your feedback.</p> <p>With regards to your question you don't need to become German to protect your rights of living and working here. You can apply for a residence permit to be able to stay here. You have two factors in your favour: being employed and your marriage to a German national.</p> <p>Speak to your local Foreigners' authority (Ausländerbehörde) to find out how to apply. If you are not sure where to go you can use this search tool from the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Functions/WebGIS/EN/WebGIS_Auslaenderbehoerde.html">https://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Functions/WebGIS/EN/WebGIS_Auslaenderbehoerde.html</a></p>
<p>I have lived in Germany for 4 years as a British citizen. As an EU member, you are generally able to apply for dual citizenship in Germany after 6-8 years, depending on circumstances; however, after Brexit, this EU privilege would cease to exist. In 2016, SPD leader Sigmar Gabriel mentioned that they were for dual citizenship in the interest of maintaining young Brits in Germany.</p> <p>My question is: have there been any updates in terms of Germany's intentions regarding offering Brits living in Germany dual citizenship after a deal or no-deal Brexit?</p> <p>Also, in the case of Brexit with a deal, assuming the 2-year transition period would remain in the deal, would Brits living in Germany still be able to obtain dual nationality during this transition period in Germany as they currently do as a member of the EU?</p> <p>Many thanks!</p>	<p>Hi Matthew, thanks for this question on dual nationality.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, British nationals who have applied and met all criteria to become German by the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020) would not need to renounce their British citizenship.</p> <p>In a no deal scenario the cut off date changes to the actual exit date. You can find more details about this on the FAQ document about Brexit on the website of the German Interior Ministry:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></p> <p>Please also follow our Living in Germany guide (<a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>) for further updates.</p>
<p>I'm British and my children were born in the Netherlands and Germany respectively. Now living in Germany and they've both got German passports. Will the process of obtaining British passports for the children change post-Brexit?</p>	<p>Hi David, the short answer to your question is no, the process of obtaining a British passport will not change.</p> <p>If you are eligible to pass your British citizenship on to your children, they are British by descent and have the right to a British passport since their birth.</p> <p>To find out whether you can pass your British nationality to your children check here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-citizenship-british-parent">https://www.gov.uk/apply-citizenship-british-parent</a></p> <p>However, Germany has some restrictions on dual nationality. Please check the relevant German law allowing dual British-German citizenship under certain circumstances at the very bottom of this page:  <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html?fbclid=IwAR3UcH9fqGS_o9yU5Hzmam5llvq_UZk9YistYdxv9pkdJTzkI2aAMTrphXg">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html?fbclid=IwAR3UcH9fqGS_o9yU5Hzmam5llvq_UZk9YistYdxv9pkdJTzkI2aAMTrphXg</a></p>
<p>My daughter, born in Germany. Does she have the right to a British passport.. Mother German, father Scottish.</p>	<p>Hi George, you may be able to pass on your own British nationality to your daughter under certain circumstances. You can check this on the following website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-citizenship-british-parent">https://www.gov.uk/apply-citizenship-british-parent</a></p> <p>If you can pass on your nationality and your daughter is British by descent she would have the right to a British passport since her birth.</p>

<p>In addition would my German kids be forced to choose being a German or being British in the event of moving back to the UK or can they maintain both nationalities</p>	<p>Hi James, thanks for this question about dual nationality for children.</p> <p>The British government allows more than one nationality and this will not change with Brexit. Germany only allows dual nationality in some circumstances. If your children already have both nationalities, they would not have to give up any of them.</p>
<p>If Brexit happens on 31st October, mid-citizenship process, will it still be possible to obtain dual citizenship? Or would the interruption of the process invalidate it? -</p>	<p>Hi Malane, thank you for your question. If you have submitted your citizenship application and fulfil all the necessary conditions before exit day, then your application will still be processed and you will still be able to obtain dual citizenship, even if the decision on your application comes after Exit day.</p> <p>And if the UK leaves the EU with a deal, then you will have a bit longer to submit your application and fulfil the necessary conditions – UK nationals who apply before 31.12.2020 would be eligible for dual citizenship. Good luck with your application.</p>
<p>Hi! I have a couple of questions...</p> <p>1) I am currently a dual citizen (UK and US) living in Germany for over 7 years, and would like to try applying for my German citizenship before Brexit, so I can keep my UK passport. Will I have to renounce my US citizenship to do this?</p> <p>2) Since I have only been in Germany for 7 years, is it likely I will be granted German citizenship? I have heard people are being accepted under 8 years and from 6 years onwards in special circumstances, but I feel like the rules are not really clear-cut here...</p> <p>Thank you for providing this service - it's great to feel like there's some support out there :)</p>	<p>Hi Denise, thanks for submitting your questions here.</p> <p>1) In the UK there are no restrictions on dual nationality. However, Germany currently does not allow German-US dual nationality. It is therefore unlikely that you would be able to keep both your US and your British nationality when applying for German citizenship, but please check with your local naturalisation office (Einbürgerungsbehörde).</p> <p>2) Generally, you need to have lived in Germany for 8 years to obtain German nationality. However, as you say there can be exceptions to this rule. Please contact your local naturalisation office to discuss whether applying for German nationality is currently an option for you and what it would mean for your US citizenship.</p>
<p>I am getting married next year to a Berliner. Will applying for a license to marry be any more difficult. Her passport is German mine is British</p>	<p>Dear Phil, congratulations on your upcoming nuptials!</p> <p>The procedure for British nationals getting married in Germany will not change with Brexit. You can find more information about what you will need to do on our website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/marriage-abroad">https://www.gov.uk/marriage-abroad</a></p>
<p>i have 1 kid with German guy and we will move here soon i would like to know if my kid can hold 2 passports till 18 he needs to choose only 1 or can hold 2 passports</p>	<p>Hello Armstrong, thanks a lot for your question.</p> <p>The British government allows more than one nationality and this will not change with Brexit. German rules are slightly more restrictive.</p>

	Please see here for further information ( <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/verfassung/staatsangehoerigkeit/einbuengerung/einbuengerung-node.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/verfassung/staatsangehoerigkeit/einbuengerung/einbuengerung-node.html</a> in German) and contact the German authorities if you have any questions
Thank you for this answer - What about travelling into the UK shortly before Brexit on a German kids passport - is this possible or do I need to rush to apply for a new passport for my daughter (dual national)?	Hi Amy, your daughter will be able enter the UK on her German child passport. You can find more details about the effect of Brexit on travelling to the UK on our website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visiting-the-uk-after-brexit">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visiting-the-uk-after-brexit</a>

## Education

Questions	Answers
Hi, i was just wondering how studying will change, will i still be able to do an apprenticeship with my GCSE/A level qualifications or will they no longer be valid? Thank you :)	<p>Hi Carla, thanks for your question!</p> <p>The entry requirements for apprenticeships are set by the relevant German institution, so we recommend you consult their requirements for international students. For advice on applying to study in Germany, Uni Assist are the responsible organisation: <a href="https://www.uni-assist.de/en/">https://www.uni-assist.de/en/</a></p> <p>If you are not already living in Germany but chose to move to Germany after the UK leaves the EU, you would need to apply for a residence permit.</p> <p>You can find further information about the application process (which is run by local foreigners' authorities) here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>

## Healthcare

Questions	Answers
My partner and I are both retired British citizens living in RLP. Currently our health care premiums are paid by the NHS through an S1 Certificate. What will the position be in the event of a no-deal BREXIT?	Dear Max, thank you for your question (it was the first one we received!). Currently, in the event of a no-deal Brexit, your S1 form might become invalid. The German government has prepared for this situation, and passed a Brexit social security law, which allows UK nationals like yourselves to join a German

	<p>health insurance provider within 3 months from exit day, without having to meet the usual conditions.</p> <p>This puts UK S1 pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners here, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme.</p> <p>You can find more information on the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p>
<p>Do you have any info on the S1 status after 31 October?</p>	<p>Dear Frances, thank you for your question.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, S1 arrangements will be protected for all those residents in the EU before the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020). The UK government is seeking agreements with EU member states, including Germany, on reciprocal healthcare arrangements for its citizens in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The UK proposes to continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020.</p> <p>In the case that the UK government is not able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue healthcare coverage in a no deal scenario, your S1 form might become invalid.</p> <p>Should this happen, the German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428</a>), which would enable those UK nationals currently covered by a S1 certificate to join a German health insurance provider within three months of the UK's exit from the EU.</p> <p>Please see the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs for further information (<a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a>)</p>
<p>Thank you for this however I would like to clarify if there is a deal, is the S1 only valid till end 2020 or for life (provided one is a German resident)</p>	<p>Hi Frances, we know this is a key concern for all S1 holders living in Germany.</p> <p>If the Withdrawal Agreement is ratified, your coverage via S1 would be continued for as long as you remain within scope of the agreement. This means that if you continue to live in Germany and the UK remains your competent authority for healthcare (so you don't for example take up employment in Germany, in which case you would have to join the German insurance system), your S1 coverage would continue for the rest of your life.</p>

<p>Hi, in the event of no deal, will our EHICs (health insurance) be instantly defunct, or has Germany put in place a transition plan?</p>	<p>Hi Rebecca, thanks very much for your question.</p> <p>As it stands, your UK-issued EHIC is unlikely to be recognised in Germany after exit day, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. We recommend that people purchase travel insurance when traveling.</p> <p>Please check the Living in Germany guide where we will publish further information as it becomes available (<a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>)</p> <p>We offer an email alerts service to ensure that you don't miss any important developments.</p>
<p>I also need to know about the S 1 Certificate as I'm in the same boat as other brits in Germany.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question, Tony.</p> <p>We understand that the S1 coverage is really important for you and other UK nationals in Germany. S1 forms might become invalid if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.</p> <p>The German Government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a>) which allows UK pensioners to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of Brexit (without having to meet the usual conditions).</p> <p>This puts UK pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners here, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme.</p> <p>You can find more information on the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>In addition, you can sign up to receive updates on our Living in Germany guide (<a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>).</p>
<p>What happens to Brits who have an S1 medical cover if there is no deal. What will it cost? And will our British Pension remain Index-linked?</p>	<p>Dear Jennifer, thank you for joining our first live Facebook Q&amp;A!</p> <p>The UK is proposing to continue current S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. However, should the UK government not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue this, in a no deal scenario your S1 form may become invalid.</p>

	<p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428</a>) which would allow UK nationals, like yourselves, who are currently covered by an S1 certificate, to join a German health insurance provider within three months of exit day.</p> <p>In this case, you would not have to meet the usual conditions for joining. This would put UK pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners in Germany, who also need to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme. The German Association of Health Insurers has confirmed that only a statutory health insurance contribution rate of 7.3% of income is applied to individuals receiving a foreign pension, such as yourself, rather than the usual 14.6%. You can find more information about this on the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>In terms of your British pensions, the UK Government will continue to uprate UK state pensions for 2019/2020. The UK government wishes to secure continued reciprocal social security arrangements that cover the uprating of State Pensions beyond that. Please check the Pensions section in our Living in Guide for further information and updates; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions</a></p>
<p>I have lived in Germany since 2004, in 2014 at the age of 65 I received an S1 exportable health care certificate, which is administered by BARMER health insurance. In July of this year I was diagnosed with Bowel cancer, it has been operated on and starting tomorrow I start a 24 week course of Chemotherapy taking me way past no deal. What do I need to do now to ensure my treatment continues after no deal. Will Barmer be required legally to except me as a voluntary member? Are there any costs because I have an existing condition?</p>	<p>Hello Derek and thanks for your question.</p> <p>We understand that this is an uncertain and potentially difficult time for you. Although the UK government is seeking arrangements with Germany (and other member states) to continue S1 arrangements until the end of 2020, Germany has already passed a Brexit social security law, which would come into force if we leave the EU without a deal.</p> <p>This law allows UK S1 holders living in Germany to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months from exit day, without having to meet the usual conditions, and without declaring pre-existing conditions. There are no extra costs for existing conditions, but you would be required to pay contributions, as do German pensioners.</p> <p>The German authorities have confirmed that the reduced rate of 7.3% would be applied to any income from a foreign pension (other income would be subject to the standard rate). Importantly, even if you were to join the scheme only towards</p>

	<p>the end of the 3 months, coverage would be retrospective from exit day and the insurer would be legally required to accept you.</p> <p>You can read more about the law here:  <a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a></p> <p>If you would like to receive updates via our Living in Germany guide, you can sign up for email alerts here: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>. Thanks again for your question and we wish you good health.</p>
<p>As a pensioner living in Germany, I currently receive my healthcare via the German TK but funded by the UK under the S1 scheme. Will this remain in place even after the government's deliberate no-deal exit? As I have very limited means, I could not afford to pay for German healthcare and would have to return to the UK, leaving my partner of over 30 years who, as she is a German national, would no longer be able to accompany me.</p>	<p>Hi Ben, thank you for your question. You are not alone in questioning what the future of your healthcare cover will look like post-Brexit.</p> <p>Currently, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, S1 forms might no longer be recognised in Germany. The German parliament has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brex-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a>) which allows UK pensioners to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of Brexit (without having to meet the usual conditions).</p> <p>We understand that many UK pensioners have limited means, however, this puts UK S1 pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners here, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme. For more information, you can read the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>In addition, you mentioned that your partner, as a German national, wouldn't be able to accompany you should you decide to return to the UK. Please note that EU citizens will be able to move to the UK before 31 December 2020 and apply for European Temporary Leave to Remain in the event of a no-deal scenario. If she was to only move after 2021, she would then be subject to UK immigration law. However, UK immigration law does allow for UK nationals to bring their non-British family members.</p> <p>Thanks again for your question, and if you haven't already, please sign up to receive updates on our Living in Germany guide (<a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>)</p>
<p>What is going to happen to our NHS S1 that the UK pays for as a pensioner, can we join the NHS here in Germany and what will it cost us.. Do we still have 3 months after the 31st that the UK will pay our KK?</p>	<p>Hello, and thank you for joining the Q&amp;A. We're happy to answer your questions. If you live in Germany, you need to be part of a German health insurance fund, not the NHS. (You can read about NHS's residency requirements here:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/moving-abroad/planning-your-healthcare/">https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/moving-abroad/planning-your-healthcare/</a></p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, your S1 form might no longer be recognised in Germany. In this case, you would be able to voluntarily join a German health insurance fund within 3 months of exit day. Your coverage will be retrospective, as long as you join within 3 months.</p> <p>Every member of German health insurance funds must pay a contribution, both German and UK pensioners. UK pensioners will be eligible for the lower contribution rate of 7.3% on foreign pensions. Please check the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs for further information: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>You might also want to sign up for email alerts to our Living in Germany guide which we will update as further information becomes available: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I believe and have been informed that if British citizens do not have an EU citizenship or permanent residence card they will be denied elterngeld if only receiving a temporary residence card. Is this true? My husband, son and my soon to be born son all have dual citizenship. I will have been here for 5 years and 8 months when Brexit happens in October. I handed over all my documents to the auslanderbehörde in February and I got an unlimited permanent residence for EU citizens card which is useless after brexit anyway. I now read that someone in Berlin had been denied permanent residence even though he has been here for more than 5 years but didn't have 60 months of pension contributions. I have been employed since February 2014 and have a permanent contract but i was on mutterschutz and Elternzeit from August 2017 to September 2018. I'm about to be in the same position again possibly next week until October 2019. Does this mean I haven't had any pension contributions during this time? Which means I also won't have 60 months overall if that's the case.</p>	<p>Dear Katie, firstly thank you very much for your question regarding child benefits and residency.</p> <p>In response to your first question, in Germany eligibility for benefits (including family benefits) is linked to a person's residency status. The German Federal Government is planning an initial transition period of three months after exit day, which they intend to extend by a further six months. During this time, all UK nationals and their family members who previously had the right of free movement would be able to continue living and working in Germany as before, including the right to work and the right to receive benefits. You would then need to apply for a new residence permit in this period, at your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde). Until a decision about your application is taken, you would continue to receive any benefits, including Elterngeld, which you received prior to the UK's exit from the EU.</p> <p>In terms of residency after Brexit, the German government has confirmed that no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit and that every UK national and their family members who previously had the right to free movement will receive a residence permit. The German Cabinet adopted a Brexit Residence Transition Law (<a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/gesetzgebungsverfahren/brexit-</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">aufenthalts-ueberleitungsgesetz.html</a>) last week, on 31 July 2019, which now needs to be passed by the Bundestag and Bundesrat.</p> <p>For more information regarding the conditions for obtaining permanent residency in Germany, please see the following website: <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0100">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_aufenthg/englisch_aufenthg.html#p0100</a> and Familienportal's FAQs on family benefits after Brexit: <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a></p> <p>I hope that this information is helpful for you and your family.</p>
<p>unfortunately it was the information I knew. I hope that Hamburg start the process soon to register Brits like Berlin. This way people can get on with their lives. I can't plan anything. I don't know if the eu citizen process will apply to me because we leave the 31st of October and my elterngeld was due to start 1st of November when I'm not linger in the EU. I have never been worried about being kicked out, I am worried about which type of permit I will recieve and no one is able to tell me what it will be. Temporary means no elterngeld and permanent means yes to elterngeld. If I knew,. I could plan on if I needed to apply for a kita Gutschein, go back to work and look for a tagesmutter for my 3 month old as to stay at home with nothing is not financially feasible and bills don't stop because of brexit. I've also heard in regards to elterngeld they will not continue paying it. If you hand in the correct permit they will back date it, if not then to bad you have nothing. Who knows how long it will take to get an appointment or to get your permit sorted could be months. Its so distressing (I understand people are in worse situations and I'm sorry for them also) but this has left me mentally and physically broken. No one can give any further answers until brexit day happens and until then (some people might find it stupid) I'm to anxious to leave the country alone with my son and soon baby because I have no solid evidence to say I can be here except all my auslanderbehörde evidence papers and standing at customs with 2 small children while I'm questioned just fills me with anxiety and I already know this has started happening at the airport.</p>	<p>Hi Katie, thanks for getting in touch again. We appreciate this is an unsettling time for you and your family. Some Foreigners' Authorities are being more proactive than others, contacting UK nationals in advance of Brexit, whilst others are awaiting developments. Keep checking the Hamburg Foreigners' Authority's website for recent updates.</p> <p>Please be assured that during the transition period of 3-9 months and while a decision on your type of residency is being made, you would continue to receive any benefits, including Elterngeld, which you received prior to Brexit. The decision on the type of permit is one for the Foreigners' Authority and unfortunately we cannot answer what kind of permit you will receive. Please check the Familienportal's Brexit FAQs and get in touch with your local Elterngeldstelle: <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a></p> <p>Regarding leaving and re-entering Germany, the German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens who live in Germany, and their family members, will continue to be permitted to enter Germany even in the case that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, so do not worry about re-entering Germany with your sons. Please allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany. There are several options for documents that might be helpful: residence cards and certificates of permanent residence issued up to now, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any follow-up questions (<a href="http://www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin">www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin</a>). All the best to you and your family!</p>
<p>The German health insurance system functions very differently to that in the UK. Germany has prepared for a no deal Brexit by making provision for UK</p>	<p>Thank you kindly for your question. Yes, the German government has passed the Brexit social security law (that you mentioned) which enables S1 holders to join a</p>

<p>citizens in Germany who are currently covered via the EU reciprocal arrangements known as S1 to be able to enter the German gesetzliche Krankenkassen within a 3 month window following the UK's exit from the EU. There are many concerns about the additional cost burden that this will mean for people living on UK pensions in Germany. On the other hand, there have been indications from members of the UK legislature that they would wish to find a way for reciprocal arrangements to continue. What is the current official position for those such as pensioners who rely on the S1 in Germany, and what actions, if any, is the UK government currently taking with the German authorities on this?</p>	<p>German health insurance provider within 3 months after Brexit without having to meet the usual conditions. While UK pensioners will have to pay into the statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme, this puts them on par with German pensioners, who are required to do the same.</p> <p>For more information please see the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs at: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>You asked what actions the UK government is currently taking: the UK government is seeking an agreement with Germany (and other EU member states) to transitionally continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020, even in a no deal scenario.</p> <p>If you would like to receive updates on this topic please check our Living in Germany guide: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#healthcare">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#healthcare</a></p>
<p>Has the British government written to all of the gesetzliche Krankenkassen to establish continuing health care cover for those currently insured via the S1 scheme?</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for your question.</p> <p>The UK government is seeking arrangements with EU member states, including Germany, on issues including healthcare in case of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>The UK's proposal is to continue S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. In the event that an arrangement is not made, however, S1 forms might become invalid. To address this situation, the German government has passed a Brexit social security law, which allows UK nationals currently covered by an S1 certificate to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of Brexit without having to meet the usual conditions (like age).</p> <p>We are in close contact with the German authorities on this matter.</p>
<p>Firstly, Thank you for being here for us I am a pensioner I have on an S1 with AOK, how will this work once we leave, will we still have 3 months cover and will we then be able to join AOK etc and pay the monthly fee..I know some people will not be able to afford this and I am of course worried what will happen to us....</p>	<p>Dear Eileen, Thank you for contacting us with this question that concerns many British residents in Germany. We understand that this is a very unsettling time for you.</p> <p>The UK government is seeking agreements with EU member states, including Germany, on reciprocal healthcare arrangements for its citizens in the case that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The UK's proposal is to continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020.</p>

	<p>However, should we not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue the existing provisions for healthcare coverage in a no deal scenario, your S1 form might no longer be recognised in Germany.</p> <p>For this situation, the German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428</a>) which would allow those UK nationals currently covered by a S1 certificate to join a German health insurance provider within three months of the UK's exit from the EU, without having to meet the usual conditions.</p> <p>This puts UK pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners in Germany, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme. UK pensioners will be eligible for the reduced rate of 7.3%. Please see the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs for further information (<a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a>)</p>
<p>Also health care uk we have been resident in germany for decades but have rigjt of abode in uk as well do we need exzra health care</p>	<p>Hello Pat, thanks a lot for your message.</p> <p>If you are a UK national who is paying into a German health insurance provider, your healthcare cover in Germany will not change after Brexit. This also applies to your Germany-issued EHIC, which will continue to be valid when travelling to other EU and EFTA member states.</p> <p>However, in order to access healthcare in the UK you should take out travel insurance, as access to the NHS is only granted to those who are ordinarily resident in the UK (which is not the same as having the right to abode).</p>
<p>My wife and I are retired Servicepersons who spend much of the year in our house in Germany. We access unscheduled health care through the EHIC and in June 2020 I will be eligible for an S1. We continue to pay tax on our pensions in the UK. After BREXIT if we wish to continue living in Germany I will be expected to pay for my Health Insurance twice. Firstly to the UK and than again to the German Health insurance provider. We cannot afford to pay both.</p>	<p>Dear Ian, thanks for your question. I am sorry that this is a frustrating time for you.</p> <p>The UK government is seeking agreements with Germany on reciprocal healthcare arrangements for its citizens in the case that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The UK's proposal is to continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. Should we not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue the existing provisions for healthcare coverage in a no deal scenario, you may have to join a German health insurance provider. We understand that it can be difficult for you to meet the costs of joining a German health insurance provider.</p> <p>The German Association of Health Insurers has confirmed that only a statutory health insurance contribution rate of 7.3% of income is levied from individuals</p>

	<p>receiving foreign pensions (rather than the usual 14.6%, as the foreign pension authority would not usually contribute to the costs).</p> <p>Please also note that you should not be using your EHIC to access healthcare in Germany, if you live in Germany permanently. UK-issued EHICs might also no longer be recognised in the case of a no-deal Brexit. Please see the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs for further information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p>
<p>My husband and I are both retired and have in the last few years. As with many other in my position, we rely on the S1 for medical care. I have a ongoing requirement for medication. Is there any news , progress on the promiss of Recipricol health care between the British Government and the German Government</p>	<p>Hi Eva &amp; Neil; thank you both for your question.</p> <p>The UK government is seeking agreements with member states including Germany on reciprocal healthcare arrangements for its citizens in the case that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The UK's proposal is to continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020.</p> <p>Should we not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement, the German Brexit social security law would come into force. This allows UK nationals like you both to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months from exit day, without having to meet the usual conditions. Your prescription needs would then be filled through your German insurance provider.</p> <p>You can read more about the law here:  <a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a></p> <p>If you would like to receive updates via our Living in Germany guide, you can do so here: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>I have a retired British colleague who has an AOK card for his health care, to which the bill is paid for by the NHS, will this continue or will he have to start paying for his health care directly to a German krankenkasse?</p>	<p>Dear Gary, thank you for your question regarding your British colleague. From the information you have given, it seems that he is currently accessing healthcare in Germany through the S1 route.</p> <p>The UK is proposing to continue current S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. Should the UK government however not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue this, in a no deal scenario your British colleague's S1 form may become invalid.</p> <p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a>)</p>

	<p><a href="#">ubergangsregelungen-588428</a>) which would allow UK nationals, like your colleague, who are currently covered by an S1 certificate, to join a German health insurance provider within three months of exit day. In this case, he would not have to meet the usual conditions for joining.</p> <p>The German Association of Health Insurers has confirmed that only a statutory health insurance contribution rate of 7.3% of pension income is applied to individuals receiving a foreign pension, such as your colleague, rather than the usual 14.6%. You can find more information about this on the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>I hope that this information is helpful. Should either of you have any further questions, you can get in touch via the following website: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin">www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin</a></p>
<p>I am retired and have lived between Germany and U.K. for the past four years. My intention is to move to Hannover, Germany in October to live with my partner (as we plan to marry) while still in EU but I am anxious to know if my NHS contributions will be honoured via an S1 certificate or whether I would face the prospect of additional contributions. I have a large prescription of medicines each month and need security of supplies</p>	<p>Hi Andrew, thanks very much for your question.</p> <p>Currently, the UK government is seeking arrangements with EU member states, including Germany, on issues including healthcare in case of a no-deal Brexit. The UK's proposal is to continue S1 arrangements until the end of 2020.</p> <p>In the event that an arrangement is not made, however, S1 forms might become invalid. To address this possibility, the German Government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a>) which allows S1 holders to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of Brexit day (without having to meet the usual conditions).</p> <p>So as long as you have moved before Brexit day (and are covered by a valid S1 form by that point), you would be able to join a German health insurance provider. All members of German health insurance providers pay a contribution towards it. Your prescription needs would then be filled through your German health insurance provider.</p> <p>If you would like more information, you can read the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a>, you can also read more about the German social security law here: <a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a></p>

<p>Hello, I work for a UK firm but I live in Germany, 75% of my work is online/telephone-based with customers from the UK. At the moment I get paid in pounds and pay UK tax and NIC, due to my job I have been covered using an S1 certificate. If there is no deal then the S1 becomes invalid, I will then have to pay for my German Krankenversicherung (not sure, but I think it is 14.6% + 3.6% of my wages) but still paying UK NIC, something that I will struggle with.</p> <p>Would the UK Gov look at an option of not having to pay NIC or at least a reduced amount?</p>	<p>Dear Sam, thank you very much for joining our Facebook Q&amp;A session and for your question on working in Germany for a UK company.</p> <p>Firstly, the double taxation agreement between Germany and the UK will not be affected by Brexit.</p> <p>Arrangements for people living in one country and working in another can be very complicated. The UK government is seeking agreements with EU member states including Germany to resolve this issue, but you are right that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, unless an agreement is reached, you may need to pay social security contributions in the UK and Germany. Please check this webpage for further information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-security-contributions-for-uk-and-eu-workers-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-security-contributions-for-uk-and-eu-workers-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal</a></p> <p>The UK is proposing to continue current S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. You are however correct, that should the UK government not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue this, in a no deal scenario your S1 form may become invalid.</p> <p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-uebergangsregelungen-588428</a>) which would allow UK nationals, like yourself, who are currently covered by an S1 certificate, to join a German health insurance provider within the three months of the UK's exit from the EU. In this case, you would have to pay contributions.</p> <p>For information on the costs of joining a German health insurance provider, please contact them directly and check the German Association of Health Insurers' FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>In addition, please sign up for email alerts to <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a>, where we will publish further information as it becomes available.</p>
<p>My question is this. I am 70 years of age and have lived in Germany since 1972. I am a pensioner and receive a basic UK state pension (my only source of retirement benefits). Since I became a pensioner, my health costs in Germany have been picked up by the DHSS under the terms of the current reciprocal arrangements between Germany and the UK. All I need to do to get medical treatment is to show a card issued by the BEK (who presumably pick up the costs initially and charge them on to the UK). Under</p>	<p>Dear John, thank you for contacting us regarding medical treatment in Germany. We are sorry that this is an uncertain time for you.</p> <p>The UK government is currently seeking agreements with EU member states, including Germany, on reciprocal healthcare arrangements for its citizens in the case that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The UK is proposing to continue the S1 arrangements until the end of 2020.</p>

<p>the terms of the existing (but endangered) Brexit deal negotiated by Theresa May, this arrangement would continue. What would be the situation for me in the “No Deal” scenario that now looks to be more likely and what steps do I need to take to ensure that I continue to receive health benefits?</p>	<p>Should the UK, however, not be able to secure a bilateral or multilateral agreement to continue the existing provisions for healthcare coverage in a no deal scenario, your S1 form might no longer be recognised here in Germany.</p> <p>For this situation, the German government has passed a Brexit social security law (<a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen-588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen-588428</a>) which would allow those UK nationals, like yourself, who are currently covered by a S1 certificate, to join a German health insurance provider within three months of the UK’s exit from the EU, without having to meet the usual conditions. You would, however, have to pay towards this insurance. This puts UK pensioners in Germany on par with German pensioners in Germany, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme.</p> <p>UK pensioners will be eligible for the reduced rate of 7.3% levied on income from foreign pensions. Please see the German Association of Health Insurers’ FAQs for further information (<a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a>).</p>
<p>My husband is a British Army officer and stationed in bfg however his job is geographically dislocated from me and the children . This may mean my children and I cannot receive health care as part of the British forces package</p> <p>Our children have dualnationality and I am a German citizen. We have built our house in Germany and the children and myself are registered here. My husband has not yet as he is a soldier you and does not have to register here.</p> <p>He pays all his taxes to the UK and although he is covered by BFG healthcare, my kids and i are health insured thpugg the s1 system and they pay the techniker Krankenkasse who insure us here.</p> <p>In the event of a no deal Brexit what don't that mean for us? The German authorities have said that he can stay because being married to a German and having German children. But who is paying for the health insurance? Will we have to pay ourselves and pay double: his higher taxes to the UK and for german health insurance. Essentially paying for no healthcare (British forces care is paid for by a charity called SSAFA) whatsoever but still paying UK taxes? That can't be right!</p>	<p>Hi Katharina, thank you for your question. We understand that it is an uncertain time for your family.</p> <p>The UK is proposing to continue S1 arrangements until the end of 2020. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, however, your S1 form might become invalid. In that case, all those currently receiving healthcare through a UK-issued S1 form would be able to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of exit day.</p> <p>All members of German health insurance providers are required to make contributions. While this can mean a financial adjustment for new members coming off the S1 scheme, it puts incoming members on par with German members, who also have to pay into a statutory or private healthcare insurance scheme.</p> <p>You can find more information on the German Association of Health Insurers’ FAQs: <a href="https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html">https://www.dvka.de/de/informationen/brexit/citizens.html</a></p> <p>In addition, if you haven’t already done so, you can sign up to receive updates on this topic and others on our Living in Germany guide: <a href="http://www.gov.uk/living-in-germany">www.gov.uk/living-in-germany</a></p>

## Working, Qualifications, Pensions and benefits

Questions	Answers
<p>will a no deal Brexit effect my UK pension later? I paid in for 10 years before leaving. thanks</p>	<p>Hello Stephen, thank you very much for your important question on the impact of no-deal on UK pension contributions. Having worked in the UK and paid a certain amount of national insurance contributions over those ten years, you will have gained credits that will count towards a UK state pension.</p> <p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law, which would come into effect if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. This would ensure that Germany would recognise these UK credits, and any additional credits you would gain in the UK in the five years following exit day, for calculating a pension you might receive in Germany. So, your ten years of contributions in the UK will be safe.</p>
<p>How will it affect benefits such as Kindergeld and Elterngeld?</p>	<p>Hi Rachel, thanks for your very important question. Eligibility for benefits depends on your residency status. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German government plans an initial transition period of 3 months, which is likely to be extended to 9 months, during which you will continue to receive benefits.</p> <p>During this time, you would need to apply for a residence permit. You will continue to receive benefits until a decision about your application is made. Afterwards, eligibility for benefits would depend on the residency status you receive.</p> <p>Please check this link for further info; <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit-informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit-informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a></p>
<p>Hi thanks for running this session, there's still a lot of uncertainty and anxiety amongst us all I think.</p> <p>Professional Qualifications: I work as an Aerospace Engineer in Bavaria, i hold a degree from a UK university, do i need to get my degree professionally recognised to continue working in Germany as an Engineer after no deal? I am a permanent employee so not self employed.</p>	<p>Hi Blake, we understand this is an unsettling time for many people and appreciate you getting in touch with your question. Your academic degree won't be affected at all by Brexit – decisions on academic qualifications are governed by the Bologna process which the UK won't be leaving.</p> <p>However, the situation with professional qualifications is different. If you hold a professional qualification from the UK, which has already been recognised in</p>

<p>Thanks</p>	<p>Germany, this qualification will remain valid after Brexit. If you hold a professional qualification from the UK, which has not yet been recognised in Germany, we recommend that you start the recognition process now.</p> <p>More information can be found at: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexid.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexid.php</a></p>
<p>As a teacher, I am concerned that English qualifications (GCSE, A Level) and other UK qualifications may no longer be recognised in Germany and the other EU states. Will UK qualifications still be recognised and accepted as the equivalent of the German MSA and Abitur?</p>	<p>Hello Neil, thank you for your question on secondary and upper secondary qualifications and any impact Brexit might have on them. The short answer is that the EU is not responsible for this area.</p> <p>Ultimately, the Conference of Education Ministers from Germany's 16 federal states determines whether school leaving qualifications are the equivalent of the Abitur.</p> <p>You can find more information here: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/anerkennung_im_schulbereich.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/de/anerkennung_im_schulbereich.php</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.kmk.org/themen/anerkennung-auslaendischer-abschluesse.html">https://www.kmk.org/themen/anerkennung-auslaendischer-abschluesse.html</a></p>
<p>I am currently on maternity leave in Berlin, do you know if the Elterngeld benefits will still be supported in the event of a no deal? If not, will we be entitled to anything from Britain instead?</p>	<p>Hello Helen, congratulations on becoming a mum.</p> <p>In Germany, eligibility for benefits is linked to an individual's residence status, so your continued receipt of Elterngeld depends on your residence status after a no-deal exit. The German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months after no-deal, which they intend to extend by a further six months. During this time, UK nationals would continue to receive benefits. You would have to apply for a new residence permit in this period. Until a decision about your application is taken, you would continue to receive Elterngeld.</p> <p>Your Elterngeld payments will then depend on what your residence permit entitles you to. For information on this and Elterngeld payments, please have a look at the Familienportal's Brexit FAQs. (in German): <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a></p>
<p>I'm a freelancer working both in person and online in several industries, with clients throughout the EU. What is the effect of Brexit expected to be on my working rights in each of these contexts? (One of these industries is</p>	<p>Hi Kristin, wow! What an exciting career path! Thank you for your enquiry.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Federal Government is planning an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended</p>

<p>classical music, in which the ability to move rapidly between countries to fill gaps occurring due to illness is critical, and can be career-making)</p>	<p>by a further six months. During this time, UK nationals would be able to continue living and working in Germany as before, including the right to undertake any activity as an employed or self-employed person, irrespective of the employer's registered office and without the approval of the Federal Employment Agency.</p> <p>During this period you would need to apply for a new residence permit. Please check this link for further information; <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a> (in German)</p> <p>You can also call the Federal Employment Agency's hotline on +49 228 713-2903.</p>
<p>Post BREXIT, can I still combine the years I paid my NI stamp in the UK, with the years I have worked in Ge? (23 years in UK a it will 23 in Germany.</p>	<p>Hello Kevin, thank you for the question. The short answer is yes. Even in a no-deal scenario, having worked 23 years in the UK and so paid national insurance contributions over those 23 years, you will have gained credits that will count towards a UK state pension.</p> <p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law, which would come into effect if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. This would ensure that Germany would recognise these UK credits, and even any additional credits you might gain in the UK in the five years following exit day, for calculating a pension in Germany.</p> <p>So your 23 years of contributions in the UK will be safe and added to the 23 years in Germany to calculate your pension UK and German pensions.</p>
<p>I've just moved to Germany and have become a resident. I am self employed as a freelancer (musician) and about to apply for Künstlersozialkasse. Generally, as I am new here, what do I need to watch out for.</p>	<p>Hi Paul, firstly welcome to Germany!</p> <p>We recommend you sign up to our Living in Germany Guide email alerts; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a></p> <p>This guide prepares you for life in Germany and shows you what to look out for regarding Brexit. When it comes to working in Germany, your rights will not be affected for an initial period of 3 months (which is likely to be extended to 9 months) after exit date in the event of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>During this period you need to apply for a new residence permit. Please check this link for further info; <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a></p>

	<p>You can also call the Federal Employment Agency's hotline on +49 228 713-2903. Thank you for your question.</p>
<p>I have been living (and officially registered) in Germany since October 2015 as I came here to do a PhD. My PhD contract expired October 2018, but as with most PhD students in Germany, I was not finished within my contract time. I subsequently went onto ALG1 (as is usual with German PhD students), which will finish at the end of September 2019. I will hopefully be finishing my PhD by the end of the year, and defending early next year. Is it safe to go onto ALG2 in case of Brexit happening in October? Or would it be better to try to pay my rent and health insurance from savings. I could take on a 450€ job, but this would definitely extend my PhD finishing time, and my main priority is finishing this so that I can finally continue with my career (I require a PhD to do so) and myself and my (German) partner (not married) can move on with our lives and have a family.</p> <p>So my questions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Would I be eligible for ALG2 post-Brexit?</li> <li>2. Would being on ALG2 cause me immediate problems for staying in Germany after Brexit?</li> <li>3. Would being on ALG2 cause me problems in the future to get permanent residency once I have been here for 5 years (October 2020)?</li> <li>4. Would having a 450€ job help with any of the above, or does permanent residency for example require me to be working for 5 years in my field/fulltime?</li> <li>5. If my German partner and I choose to have a child while I am still looking for a job (hopefully I find one by then, but if not), would I (as non-EU) be eligible for any benefits post-Brexit to help us (such as Elterngeld etc)? Would this alter depending on if I take ALG2 or not? And would this make any differences for getting Permanent Residency?</li> </ol>	<p>Dear Sophie,</p> <p>Thank you very much for your well set out group of questions. All the best for finishing your PhD.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with the negotiated withdrawal agreement, you will have the right to equal treatment with Germans, so all your rights in Germany, including access to benefits, will be protected.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the situation would be as follows:</p> <p>In Germany, eligibility for benefits is linked to an individual's residence status. The German Federal Government plans an initial transition period of three months after exit day, likely to be extended by a further six months. During this time, UK nationals would be able to continue living and working in Germany as before, including the right to receive benefits, such as ALG2.</p> <p>During this time you would have to apply for a new residence permit. The German government has confirmed that all UK nationals will be able to stay. Your access to ALG 2 after gaining a new residency permit would depend on what your new permit entitles you to.</p> <p>For further information, please see the German Interior Ministry's website with information for UK nationals in Germany (<a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a>) and consult the FAQ of the German Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (in German): <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a></p> <p>You also had a question about Elterngeld: During the initial three to nine months transition period mentioned above, you would be eligible for Elterngeld as now. After the initial period, your eligibility for Elterngeld would depend on your individual residency permit. For information on Elterngeld and other family benefits, please consult the Familienportal's Brexit FAQs: <a href="https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232">https://familienportal.de/familienportal/brexit--informationen-zu-den-familienleistungen/135232</a></p>

<p>6. I see my family once a year, at Christmas. I will be unemployed at Christmas this year. Assuming Christmas will be post-Brexit, will I have problems coming back into Germany after visiting them?</p> <p>Many thanks in advance!</p>	<p>You might also want to contact the Familienportal on +49 30 201 791 3.</p> <p>In addition, please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities and speak to your local Foreigners' Authority and consider their advice:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p> <p>Lastly, you had a question about returning to Germany after a visit to the UK.</p> <p>The German Federal Interior Ministry has confirmed that UK citizens who live in Germany will continue to be permitted to enter Germany. However, the German authorities advise you to allow extra time for passport control and carry documents with you proving your previous longer-term residence in Germany. There are several options for documents that might be helpful: residence cards, registration certificates, social insurance cards, employment or home rental contracts, proof of school enrolment, or similar.</p> <p>We hope this information was helpful.</p>
<p>I had booked an appointment with the Rentenkasse, they sent a woman, with a laptop to a room i Stadtverwaltung to hear what I had to ask. My main concern was wether it would be possible to have my pension contributions transferred to Germany so that when I retire they could be recognised. The only answer I got form this woman was "We don't know anything until BREXIT is sorted out". Online it clearly states that all current agreements will remain in place until at least 2020,,!! So Do you have any answers,,? if I am forced in early retirement will my contributions in the Uk be recognised (21 yrs)..? your help will be appreciated. Many thanks.</p>	<p>Dear John, We understand that this is a very stressful situation for you but we have good news: The German Parliament has adopted a no deal Brexit social security law which protects all your past pension contributions, as well as pension contributions in the UK for 5 years following exit day. Therefore, your pension contributions will be recognised by the German pensions authority.</p> <p>Please monitor the section on Pensions in our Living In Germany Guide; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions</a> or check this link (in German) <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a></p>
<p>As a 67 year old living in Hamburg with a German wife married in 1978 my question is regarding pensions.</p> <p>Will our State Pensions continue to be inflation end proof or will be hung out to dry like Brits retired in Australia etc.</p> <p>Will the UK Gov, continue to honor the S1 arrangements.</p>	<p>Dear Stephen, We understand that this is a difficult situation for you. The UK Government will continue to uprate UK state pensions for 2019/2020.</p> <p>Negotiations to continue uprating after this date are still underway. Please monitor the section on Pensions in our Living In Germany Guide; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions</a></p> <p>Regarding the S1 arrangements, currently, in the event of a no-deal Brexit, S1 forms might no longer be recognised in Germany.</p>

<p>Bearing in mind that we have seen a 30 per cent devaluation of the pound, I fail to see how many pensioners will be able to continue in Europe.</p>	<p>The German government has passed a Brexit social security law which would allow UK nationals currently receiving health coverage through an S1 certificate to join a German health insurance provider within 3 months of Brexit day, and without having to meet the usual conditions. You can read more about the law here: <a href="https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428">https://www.bundestag.de/dokumente/textarchiv/2019/kw05-de-brexit-ubergangsregelungen/588428</a></p> <p>Thanks again for your questions.</p>
<p>I have a joint honours Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manchester and a TEFL certificate. Do I need to get both of these qualifications recognised? If so, how?</p>	<p>Hi Ash, thanks for getting in touch today. The recognition of academic qualifications (Bachelors, Masters, PhDs) will not be affected by the UK's exit from the EU and so you do not need to take any action.</p> <p>Regarding the status of your TEFL certificate please consult the Anerkennung in Deutschland website who have more details: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexit.php?fbclid=IwAR2w_-dL1G8G7vnuiqYo4SIEmtcmnWDWalnK_wRHj_QKrCRFOAI0aqmD5-8">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexit.php?fbclid=IwAR2w_-dL1G8G7vnuiqYo4SIEmtcmnWDWalnK_wRHj_QKrCRFOAI0aqmD5-8</a></p>
<p>Hi! I have been living in Germany since 2017. I am currently undertaking a master's degree that will be completed in September 2020. How will Brexit affect my chances of continuing to study or find work here afterwards? Will it be harder for documents/certificates (BSc degree) to be recognised?</p>	<p>Hi Daniella, thank you for getting in touch. Decisions on academic qualifications are governed by the Bologna process (which the UK won't be leaving), so the recognition of Bachelor, Master and PhD qualifications won't be affected at all by Brexit.</p> <p>In any scenario, your right to study in Germany will stay the same until the end of your BSc course, but you will need to apply for a residence permit at your local Foreigners' Authority! If the UK leaves with a deal, the rights of any UK national living in Germany before the end of 2020 would be protected. In the event of no deal, the German Government is planning an initial transition period of three months, which is likely to be extended by a further six months. During this time you would be able to work in Germany. After this, your rights would depend on the residence permit you are issued with.</p> <p>You can find more information about working in Germany after Brexit on the FAQs of the Federal Employment Agency: <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/information-about-brexit-british">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/information-about-brexit-british</a></p> <p>Please also see our guidance on foreigners' authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p>
<p>Hi. We've been told to get our professional qualifications recognised in Germany. I have a teaching degree awarded by a British university, it's a</p>	<p>Hi Janet, thanks for your question.</p>

<p>Bachelor of Education, not a BA with a teaching certificate. Do I still need to get it recognised?</p>	<p>We advise you to take a look at the Anerkennung in Deutschland website: <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/tools/berater/en/">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/tools/berater/en/</a></p> <p>Using their recognition finder you can find details of the relevant authorities in your area who will be able to confirm whether in your case you need to get your Bachelor of Education recognised in Germany. We hope that information helps!</p>
<p>Hi, I moved to Munich to be with my long term German partner. I am currently studying German and looking for a job. If Brexit happens in October and I still have no job, how will this effect my chances of being able to stay here and residency etc? Deal or no deal? Thanks.</p>	<p>Hi Rachel, thanks for your question. Great to hear that you made the move to Munich, it is such a beautiful city.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with the negotiated Withdrawal Agreement, the rights of any person moving to Germany before the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020) will be protected.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German Government has confirmed that no British citizen will have to leave Germany. After exit date there will be a transition period of 3 months, which is likely to be extended for a further 6 months. During this time your working rights won't be affected. However it is very important that you apply to your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for a new residence permit in this period. Please check our German Foreigners' Authorities guidance; <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exitguidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exitguidance</a> and take the action recommended by your local Foreigners' Authority.</p>
<p>Will I still be able to freelance as I am now as an English teacher? or will I be required similarly to a 3rd country nationals to adhere to restrictions e.g. only be able to work for two schools at once. Must earn a certain amount per year for a visa renewal.</p>	<p>Hi Alex, Thank you for your enquiry. What an interesting job! If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, your rights in Germany will be protected.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the German government plans an initial transition period of 3 months, likely to be extended by another 6, during which your working rights will not be affected. During this period, you would need to apply for a new residence permit. Your right to work in Germany beyond the transition period will depend on the residence permit you are issued with.</p> <p>Please check this link for further information; <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a></p> <p>You can also call the Federal Employment Agency's hotline on +49 228 713-2903.</p>
<p>We have currently got state and private pensions in the UK that are paid into our UK bank account. But we live in Germany. How will a no-deal brexit effect our ability to transfer these pensions into a German bank account?</p>	<p>Hello Alan and Alexandra, thank you for your question. Sending money from the UK to Germany will still be possible after a no-deal exit, but transfers might</p>

	<p>become more costly or take longer depending on arrangements made by individual providers.</p> <p>You can find further information here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-people-living-in-the-eea">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-people-living-in-the-eea</a></p>
<p>Under current EU rules, I am entitled to indicate whether inheritance is handled according to British law or the laws in Germany (where I am resident). If Brexit happens, will this entitlement change. (I have dual citizenship.)</p>	<p>Hi Lee, Thank you for your very important question.</p> <p>After exit, this rule will not change. We recommend you seek expert legal advice regarding this matter as it raises complex legal questions and the answers depend on individual circumstances.</p>
<p>I have 13 years towards a German pension will I still be able to receive this after Brexit if I reside in the UK?</p>	<p>Hello Ann, thank you for the question. The answer is yes. German state pensions are payable worldwide.</p>
<p>If a British citizen who lived in the UK before moving to Germany returns to the UK to study, will they still be eligible for UK Home fees after Brexit? Thanks in advance :)</p>	<p>Hi Stephanie, thanks for your question. Eligibility for home fee status is determined by a number of criteria, which you can review on the UKCISA website here: <a href="https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Home-or-Overseas-fees-the-basics">https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Home-or-Overseas-fees-the-basics</a></p> <p>In your case, as a UK citizen returning to the UK after having lived in Germany, the key requirements are that on the first day of your academic course you are resident in the UK, and that in the three years prior to your course starting you have been resident in an EEA country (e.g. Germany) or Switzerland. But please consult the UKCISA website or get in touch with the relevant UK university for further details and the full list of requirements.</p> <p>In addition, the UK government has announced a 7-year transition period for UK nationals living in the EU and returning to study in the UK in the case of a no deal Brexit. Further information can be found year: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe</a></p>
<p>My husband is self-employed in the UK working from our home here in Germany and paying therefore German tax. After Brexit will he still be ok to work from Germany? He works in the financial advice sector freelance for a small business in UK. Just that his desk is here in Germany. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hi Sabine, thanks for your question.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, nothing will change until the end of 2020. Service provision to the UK will afterwards be guided by the future relationship between the UK and EU.</p>

	<p>If the UK leaves without a deal, the German government plans an initial transition period of 3 months, which can be extended to 9. During this period, your husband can continue working as before irrespective of his registered office and without the approval of the Federal Employment Agency. During this time, he must apply for a new residence permit. For more info, please check these links;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html;jsessionid=56EB23C26B3E36CE640AEC6480E0ADEC">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html;jsessionid=56EB23C26B3E36CE640AEC6480E0ADEC</a></li> <li>· <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/information-about-brexit-british">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/information-about-brexit-british</a></li> </ul> <p>You can also call the Federal Employment Agency's hotline at +49 228 713-2903.</p> <p>In addition, your husband might want to check the UK government's technical notice on financial services provision:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal</a></p> <p>In terms of taxation, the dual taxation agreement between Germany and the UK is unaffected by Brexit.</p>
<p>How do I apply for a work permit after I arrive in Germany in November are there anything's I need to have in place prior to leaving the uk</p>	<p>Hi Andrew, thanks for raising this question. If you arrive to Germany after the UK has left the EU, then you would be subject to German immigration law.</p> <p>Germany is currently liberalising its immigration law e.g. for skilled workers, and intends to add the UK to the list of countries whose nationals can enter the country in search of employment without the need to obtain a visa.</p> <p>So that would mean you can travel to Germany (no visa is required for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180day period) and apply for a residency permit at your local Foreigners' Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde) once you arrive. Please sign up for email alerts on the Living in Germany guide which we will update with information as it becomes available.</p>
<p>How does the British government intend to support frontier workers in the event of no deal?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question on frontier workers. This is an important issue for the government. If the UK leaves with the negotiated withdrawal agreement, the rights of frontier workers will be protected.</p>

	<p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, frontier workers working in Germany but living in another EU country, will need to comply with the other country's residence arrangements for UK nationals. They will be exempt from the requirement of holding a work permit in Germany for the initial 3-9 months transition period. Afterwards, they will need to apply for a work permit in Germany.</p> <p>Frontier workers living in Germany, but working in another EU country, will have to apply to their local Foreigners' Authority for a residence permit. Please see our guidance here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p> <p>Social security arrangements for frontier workers are protected through Germany's Brexit social security law:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/gesetz-uebergangsregelungen-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/gesetz-uebergangsregelungen-brexit.html</a></p> <p>If you are interested in frontier workers employed in the UK, you can find more information here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-and-status-of-frontier-workers-in-the-uk-after-brexit/right-to-work-in-the-uk-frontier-workers--2">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rights-and-status-of-frontier-workers-in-the-uk-after-brexit/right-to-work-in-the-uk-frontier-workers--2</a></p>
<p>Hi, thanks for this session particularly from places like Freiburg where there have been no physical drop in events. Q: are people with a permanent job contract likely to be treated any differently/favourably in any way to those with a limited contract (e.g. one or two years)?</p>	<p>Hi Reggie, that is no problem at all, we are happy to help! Thanks for your question.</p> <p>In either scenario, all UK nationals living in Germany would be able to stay, irrespective of their employment contract. If the UK leaves with a deal, the rights of all UK nationals living in Germany before the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020) would be protected. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, you would have to apply for a new residence permit at your local foreigners' authority within 3 months of exit day (likely to be extended to 9).</p> <p>The type of residence permit you are issued with might differ, depending on your employment status, but the German government has confirmed that every UK national will receive a residence permit.</p> <p>Please check these links for more info:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html">https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Soziales-Europa-und-Internationales/Europa/Brexit/Fragen-und-Antworten/faq-brexit.html</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html">https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/DE/themen/migration/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</a></li> </ul>
<p>I'm a British citizen on a full-time masters programme at a German university in Berlin. I've been living in Germany since July 2017 and am due to finish my studies by the end of 2019, so am currently in the process of searching for a job in Berlin. Should I not be able to secure a job before Brexit, will I need to apply for a work seekers' visa in the event of a no-deal scenario? How would I go about doing this? (I registered with the Berliner Ausländerbehörde back in January but still haven't heard anything back from them regarding residency etc)</p>	<p>Hi Victoria, we wish you the best of luck with the rest of your studies!</p> <p>After the exit date there will be a 3 month transition period, which is likely to be extended to 9 months. During this time you can work in any industry and also look for a job.</p> <p>You seem to have already applied for a new residency permit at your local Foreigners Authority (Auslaenderbehoerde), which is the key to do during that time. The Foreigners' Authority has lots of applications to process, but will be in touch with you eventually.</p> <p>For further information on the process in Berlin, you can also check their FAQs: <a href="https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php">https://www.berlin.de/labo/willkommen-in-berlin/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/artikel.779578.en.php</a></p>
<p>Please could you provide any relevant information on recognised qualifications after Brexit - I'm an English Trainer with a British BA (Hons) &amp; TEFL qualification. Will this be enough? I'm in NRW. Thanks in advance.</p>	<p>Hi Emma, the recognition of academic qualifications governed by the Bologna Process (Bachelors, Masters and PhDs) will not be affected by the UK's exit from the EU.</p> <p>Regarding any other professional qualifications, we advise you to take a look at the Anerkennung in Deutschland website <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexit.php">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/no-deal-brexit.php</a> , which contains lots of useful information and relevant links which should help you determine if in your case you need to get your TEFL qualification recognised in Germany.</p>
<p>I have 7.5 years statutory pension contributions in the UK and live and work in Germany now (Both citizenships). Should I pay voluntary contributions in the UK to reach the minimum 10 years to get some state pension at retirement age? Will I actually get a UK state pension living abroad? How much would that be? Can some of the "accrued pension payments" be transferred to be counted towards a German state pension? Thanks!</p>	<p>Hello Sarah, thank you for your important question. While we are unable to advise you whether or not you should pay voluntary contributions in the UK, we can confirm that in both, deal and no deal, your past contributions would be protected.</p> <p>The Withdrawal Agreement protects pension entitlements and future and past pension contributions for all those living in another member state by the end of the implementation period.</p> <p>For the no deal scenario, the German government has passed a Brexit social security law, which ensures that past UK credits, and any credits you would gain in the UK in the five years following exit day, would be recognised for calculating a</p>

	pension you might receive in Germany. Please check this link for more info: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#pensions</a>
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## Returning to UK

Questions	Answers
<p>What happens, if a UK citizen has lived in Germany for 6 years, leaves Germany just before Brexit to move back to the UK and moves back to Germany after Brexit happens? Will the years he has lived in Germany for be counted, or will he have to start from 0 again?</p> <p>Thank you for holding this q&amp;a!</p>	<p>Hi Mariella. Thank you for your question. Your question is about continuity of residence. A UK national's residence status in Germany will not be affected by temporary absences not exceeding a total of six months a year.</p> <p>Likewise, it won't be affected by absences of a longer duration for the following reasons: compulsory military service, or by one absence of a maximum of twelve consecutive months for important reasons such as pregnancy and childbirth, serious illness, study or vocational training, or a posting in another Member State or a third country. Continuity of residence is broken by any expulsion decision duly enforced against the person concerned.</p> <p>In the situation you explained the German Foreigners' Authority "Ausländerbehörde" would look more closely at the dates when the person left Germany to consider if and how much previous time spent in Germany would count towards the new residency status.</p>
<p>Thank you very much for your detailed and helpful answer! To me that sounds as if my fiancé would most possibly lose his 6 years of permanent and uninterrupted residence, as it isn't him who is moving abroad for further training. I guess he wouldn't qualify for the reasons you listed above, even if they took into account that we moved because I will be working as a foreign language assistant under a DAAD-scholarship?</p>	<p>Hi Mariella, thanks for getting in touch again. We recommend that you get in touch with your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for more detailed information. They will be able to advise you taking into account your individual circumstances.</p> <p>Please see our guidance on German Foreigners' Authorities: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>If, post-Brexit, we were to apply for German citizenship and renounce British citizenship, but an elderly relative in the UK were to fall ill, what right would we have to return to the UK as a carer without income.</p>	<p>Thanks for your question, Rebecca. As you would no longer be a UK national, your question is about future rights of EU citizens under UK immigration law. We are unfortunately at the moment unable to answer your question, but please follow the development of the UK's immigration policy and check <a href="https://www.gov.uk/uk-family-visa">https://www.gov.uk/uk-family-visa</a> for further information.</p>

<p>I am a British national how moved last year to Berlin. I am registered here and my husband is a non-EU national who got a 5-year German residence permit on the basis of EU family reunification legislation. We would like to move back to Britain in the next couple of months. Will Brexit affect our relocation? what are the procedures for my husband to get a UK residence permit and how long will it take? Thanks!</p>	<p>Hi Nisrine. Thank you for your question. The UK government understands that UK nationals are concerned about their right to return</p> <p>from the EU with their EU or non-EU national family members after exit. That is why if you to return to the UK by 29 March 2022 your husband will be able to come with you under current rules. If you decided to move afterwards, UK immigration rules would apply.</p> <p>For more information please see here:  <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792710/Citizens_Rights_-_UK_nationals_in_the_EU.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792710/Citizens_Rights - UK nationals in the EU.pdf</a></p>
<p>In the event of no deal as a Scottish citizen would I be able to move back to the UK with my Germany Wife and 2 Kids who where born in Berlin?</p>	<p>Hi James. Thank you for your questions about returning to the UK with your family. The UK government understands that it is important to give families time to plan after exit. That is why if you return to the UK with your wife and two kids by 29 March 2022 they would be able to apply and qualify for the EU Settlement Scheme.</p> <p>After that date you will still be able to return to the UK with family members. You will then apply through the applicable UK Immigration Rules.</p>

## Miscellaneous

Questions	Answers
<p>I have a pet dog and will want to travel back to England for a month over Christmas. No airlines will fly animals in the cabin into England. I want to buy tickets to get the ferry from Europe but the companies are all saying it is risky buying a ticket because of Brexit and a possible no deal? I don't want to leave my pet behind! What can I do?</p>	<p>Hi Anne,</p> <p>Thank you for your question. We realise this an unsettling time for those wanting to plan travel with pets. There will be no changes to the current health requirements for entry into the UK after Brexit. However there will be changes for re-entry to the EU from the UK if the UK leaves without a deal and becomes an unlisted third country.</p> <p>If the UK leaves with a deal, then you will be able to travel with your UK pet passport until at least the end of December 2020. Please follow the</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit</a> web page and the Brits in Germany Facebook page over the coming weeks for fresh updates.</p>
<p>My pet has an EU passport issued in Berlin. Will I be able to get in to the UK and out again?</p>	<p>Dear Anne, thanks for your follow-up question. As you can see on the website link above, if you have a pet passport issued by an EU member state (in your case Germany), you can use it to bring your pet to the UK.</p> <p>You can also use it to return to the EU, as long as your pet has had a successful rabies antibody blood test. You must make sure the blood sample is taken at least 30 days after the date of rabies vaccination. If the blood sample is taken in the UK you must wait 3 months from the date the successful blood sample was taken before you travel back to the EU. You do not have to wait the 3 months before travelling if your pet has a successful blood test before leaving the EU. We hope this was helpful.</p>
<p>I have just arrived in Germany, living in Bavaria still with my UK job but working from home here. Are there any guidelines as to when it is advisable or required to change to German tax, and will Brexit affect our tax position as a non EU citizen? Many thanks !!</p>	<p>Hi Richard, thank you for your question. The double taxation agreement between Germany and the UK is unaffected by the UK's exit from the EU. If you are planning to reside in Germany after the UK leaves the EU, you should contact your local Foreigners' Authority (Ausländerbehörde) to apply for a residence permit.</p>
<p>Financial questions:  1)will German residents still be able to keep UK bank accounts after October 31st in the even of no deal?  2) will those of us who may later want to return to the UK be charged duty on our possessions - even if we originally brought them from the UK?</p> <p>Many thanks</p>	<p>Dear Ali, thank you for getting in touch. In answer to your first question, we expect the majority of people will see limited, or no, difference after the UK leaves the European Union (EU), and will be able to use and rely on their bank accounts, insurance, personal pensions or annuities, and other services whether they are provided by a firm based in the UK, Europe or elsewhere in the world.</p> <p>More information can be found here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/1banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-uk-residents-and-businesses">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/1banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-uk-residents-and-businesses</a></p> <p>2) As long as the UK is a member of the EU you will not pay duty on your possessions if you return to Britain. Once the UK has left the EU you might be asked to declare your possessions to customs officials upon arrival in Britain. Please see this webpage for further information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/moving-to-uk">https://www.gov.uk/moving-to-uk</a></p>

<p>In the event there is no withdrawal agreement, will there be any outstanding areas that need to be addressed and resolved or are there contingencies in place already for each and every aspect of our situation here in Germany? If not, when are negotiations between the Germany and/or the EU and UK to start on the basis of their future relationship? When can we expect the uncertainty to be addressed for good?</p>	<p>Hi David, thank you for your question – we understand this is a difficult and uncertain time for many UK nationals. The UK government is working hard to ensure all UK nationals living in the EU can continue to live their lives as before, and are lobbying Member States to fully reciprocate the UK’s offer to EU citizens.</p> <p>Germany has taken several steps to ensure this, and on 31.07.2019 the German Cabinet adopted a draft Brexit Residence Transition law, which confirms no British citizen will be required to leave Germany in the event of a no-deal Brexit.</p> <p>You can read more detail about Germany’s preparations for Brexit in their FAQs for UK nationals here: <a href="https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/brexit-q-a-your-questions-answered-1569656">https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/search/brexit-q-a-your-questions-answered-1569656</a>, and our Living in Germany Guide contains an overview of different issues including healthcare, pensions, and benefits so you can see what actions might be necessary for you: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a></p> <p>Please be assured that we will continue to work closely with the German authorities to ensure that your rights are protected after the UK leaves the EU.</p>
<p>As a brit with aufenthaltstitel that is unbefristet, Working and insured (DAK) in the event of britians exit would I need to fall back to anything like the NHS or mess with my NI number... Can I just carry on as I am?</p>	<p>Hi James, thanks for your question. Please bear in mind that even if you already hold an old residence permit, you will still need to apply for a new residency permit with your local Foreigners’ Authority (Ausländerbehörde).</p> <p>Since you pay healthcare contributions and are resident in Germany, you are covered by the German healthcare system – this will not change. This also applies to your Germany-issued EHIC, which will continue to be valid when travelling to other EU and EFTA member states. However, unless you are ordinarily resident in the UK you will no longer be entitled to NHS treatment – we therefore recommend that you take out travel insurance when visiting the UK after a no deal Brexit, as you would when traveling to any other non-EU country.</p> <p>For more information on actions British nationals should please take a look at our Living in Germany guide: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</a></p>
<p>Both UK and EU have said they will RECIPROCATE the other side.</p>	<p>Hello Stevie, thanks a lot for your question.</p>

<p>UK has offered EU27 nationals in UK cost-free resident permit (settled status).</p> <p>Brits resident in DE before brexit could collectively be paying out €27 billion from their own pockets to secure resident permits to be able to continue living in their homes. And even then, they only "get back" a pittance of the rights they once had.</p> <p>German govt alone stands to make a turnover of almost €11 billion in permit fees from brits in DE.</p> <p>Who on the UK side is FIGHTING the corner to make sure Brits in EU before brexit have access to *cost-free* resident permits?</p>	<p>We understand that this is a stressful time for you, and for other UK nationals resident in Germany.</p> <p>The German government has not yet stated whether they will charge for UK nationals for a residence permit. We will continue to encourage the German government to follow our lead and reciprocate the deal we have offered EU nationals living in the UK.</p>
<p>Hi. Who's in your team</p>	<p>Hello Stephen. Thank you for joining us today. There are lots of us here from various teams helping out with this session. We hope you find it useful</p>
<p>Will this Q and A be documented and published in a similar way to that adopted by the UK Embassy in France?</p>	<p>Dear Alison, thanks for your question. Yes, we will publish a summary of all the questions and answers on gov.uk in the next few days.</p>
<p>Another question, thank you. I read in the news last year about a possibility that Brits abroad would lose access to UK financial services under no deal and have not seen any further information. Are you able to confirm that we will retain access to our UK bank accounts?</p>	<p>Dear Rebecca, thank you taking the time to join us today.</p> <p>The UK government has published information on banking and other financial services on gov.uk: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-people-living-in-the-eea">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/banking-insurance-and-other-financial-services-if-theres-no-brexit-deal-information-for-people-living-in-the-eea</a></p> <p>Many firms that offer financial services products, for example current accounts, credit cards or mortgages, are planning to continue providing them after the UK leaves the EU.</p> <p>However, if your financial service provider (bank, building society, insurer, etc.) needs to make any changes to their product or services, or the way it provides these, your provider should contact you directly. If you have any further questions or concerns, we recommend you contact your financial service provider.</p>
<p>Hi,</p>	<p>Thanks a lot for your question, Kim.</p>

<p>Is there a link or any information for people who own holiday homes after Brexit please? In Germany</p>	<p>The right to own property in Germany (or in fact any other EU country) will not be affected by Brexit. Please note that if you plan to stay for more than 90 in 180 days at a time, you will need to apply for a residence permit at your local Foreigners Authority.</p> <p>You can find more information here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit</a></p>
<p>Is there a form of ID not as cumbersome as a Passport available to Brits so that I don't need to carry a expensive document around with myself all the time... Credit card sized preferred!</p>	<p>Hello James, thank you for raising this point. We appreciate that passports are valuable documents. However, at this point in time the UK Government has not announced any plans to introduce a new form of ID.</p>
<p>What exactly is the UK government doing to ring-fence the rights to freedom of movement which British citizens in Germany have now?</p>	<p>Thank you for raising an important point, British in Germany.</p> <p>Both the UK Government and the European Commission have stated that providing certainty for citizens is a top priority. The UK government pushed hard for onward movement rights for UK nationals in the first phase of the negotiations, but the Commission said this is a matter for the future partnership negotiations. In addition, the UK government has given assurances to EU citizens that they can stay in the UK in any scenario.</p> <p>We welcome that all Member States, including Germany, have also provided reassurances. We will continue working towards guaranteeing the rights of UK nationals in the EU and EU citizens in the UK in all scenarios, including on issues such as onward movement.</p>
<p>As an opera singer here in Germany, I depend on my freedom of movement, freedom to work and live anywhere in the EU without visa restrictions, etc. in order to make a living. The German Government has been extremely kind to nip this in the bud and give us unlimited residency, but that is for Germany only. Not the EU. What, exactly, is the UK government doing to ring-fence the rights to freedom of movement I have now?</p>	<p>Dear Peter, thank you for raising the issue of onward movement. We recognise how important this issue is for UK nationals living in the EU.</p> <p>If the UK leaves with the negotiated withdrawal agreement, freedom of movement would continue until the end of the implementation period (31.12.2020). Beyond that, onward movement rights for UK nationals would be subject to negotiations.</p> <p>In addition, the EU has said that UK nationals will be able to travel without a visa for any 90 in 180 days period to other EU countries in any scenario. If the UK</p>

	<p>leaves without a deal, it would be for the EU and its member states to extend onward movement rights to UK nationals. We have pushed hard for this in negotiations so far and will continue to do so.</p>
<p>The German government has been very clear throughout discussions that one of its primary goals is to take care of the 180K German nationals living in the UK. Yesterday, it was reported in the UK press that the DWP appears to be applying a form of 'hostile environment' to EU nationals in determining habitual residence which is resulting in loss of benefits. What comments do you have on this? How can UK residents in Germany feel confident of the UK's commitment to their rights in these circumstances?</p>	<p>Hello, and thank you for raising this important issue. Citizens' rights is an area that the UK Government takes extremely seriously.</p> <p>The UK government has committed to protect the rights of over 3 million EU citizens living and working in the UK in any scenario. EU citizens and their family members living in the UK by exit day will be able to continue receiving UK benefits on broadly the same terms as now, including in a no deal scenario. Regarding the export of benefits, EU citizens will be able to continue to export UK benefits to Member States as long as they meet the entitlement criteria for the benefit concerned.</p>