



HM Government

# Get ready for Brexit



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# **THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND HOW BREXIT MAY AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS.**

Full guidance is available on [gov.uk/brexit](https://www.gov.uk/brexit) to help you to prepare.

## **If your business trades with the EU**

There will be changes to UK-EU trade at the UK border including on customs, tariffs and VAT. Take the first step to prepare now.

If you don't have a UK Economic Operator Registration and Identification number, [apply here](#) to continue to trade with the EU.

Check how imports from and exports to the EU will be impacted, including tariffs, taxes and transportation of goods.

**Find out about the other actions you will need by visiting [prepare to export to the EU](#) and [prepare to import to the UK](#).**

## **If you sell manufactured goods**

There may be new rules you need to comply with.

**Check regulatory requirements for UK and EU markets, including labelling, approvals and testing.**

## **If you provide services or operate in the EU**

There may be new rules you need to comply with if you operate in EU/EEA countries or Switzerland. This will depend on the sector and country you operate in, and could affect your business if:

- › you have a branch(es) and subsidiaries in the EU
- › you operate in a service sector within the EU
- › you're planning a merger with an EU company
- › you or your employees travel to EU/EEA countries or Switzerland for business
- › you or your employees provide services in a regulated profession in the EU/EEA/Switzerland

**Check regulations for the countries your business operates in, including visa requirements. These changes could affect your business.**

## **If you transfer personal data into the UK**

There may be changes to how you send or receive personal data from international partners, including in the EEA.

Check what you need to do by visiting [using personal data after Brexit](#) on GOV.UK.

## **If you employ EU citizens**

You will still be able to employ EU citizens as you do now and be required to conduct the same right to work checks.

Read the [Employer Toolkit](#) on GOV.UK for advice and guidance.

## **If you hold intellectual property**

There may be changes that affect copyright, patents, designs and trademarks.

Familiarise yourself with these changes if your business uses or relies on intellectual property protection.

[Read IP and Brexit: The Facts](#) for full information from the Intellectual Property Office.

## If you receive European funding

The government has guaranteed EU-funded programmes up to the end of 2020.

Find out about a specific fund, visit [European and domestic funding after Brexit](#) on GOV.UK.

### Get ready for Brexit tool

The checker tool will help you make detailed plans based on the profile of your business.

- Step 1** Visit [Get ready for Brexit checker](#) on GOV.UK
- Step 2** Answer some simple questions about your business
- Step 3** Read the actions to take that are relevant to your business and sign up for email alerts to stay updated



Visit [gov.uk/brexit](https://www.gov.uk/brexit) for more information and to sign up for regular updates.

# ADDITIONAL HELP AND SUPPORT

As we leave the EU, there's a wide range of support available that can help your business thrive and grow.

[Search the organisations below](#) online to find out more.

## Further Support

### UK Trade Associations

For industry specific information on leaving the EU.

### Business Representative Organisations

For support including information hubs and checklists.

### Support in your area

If you are based anywhere in the UK and want to find out where to get help and support for your business, explore [Business Finance and Support](#) on GOV.UK.

## Help to Export

Visit [GREAT.gov.uk](#) for comprehensive export advice, trade finance and live market opportunities for small or mid-sized businesses interested in or currently selling internationally.

## Help to Grow

### British Business Bank Finance Hub

For help understanding the finance options available to grow your business. Take a look at their Business Finance Guide.

### Local Growth Hubs

For free and impartial support and advice if you're operating in England search 'LEP growth hubs'.

### Be The Business

For inspiration, practical tools and resources to boost your business's productivity.

## Help to innovate

### Innovate UK

For help getting your innovative idea off the ground.

### Innovate UK's Knowledge Transfer Network

For connecting you to the opportunities and partners you may need to turn your ideas into profitable goods and services.



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