



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 at [gov.uk/hmrc/get-eori](https://www.gov.uk/hmrc/get-eori) 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 searching gov.uk for '[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 searching [‘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.

**Search [‘employing EU citizens’](#) 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.

**Search gov.uk for [‘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, search [gov.uk](#) for '[European and domestic funding after Brexit](#)'.

### Get ready for Brexit tool

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



- Step 1** Visit [gov.uk/brexit](#) and click on the red chevron
- 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](#) 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, go to the GOV.UK Business Finance and Support page.

## Help to Export

Visit [GREAT.gov.uk](https://www.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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