UK NATIONALS

Learn more about your rights in Germany after Brexit

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**Residency**

UK nationals living in Germany should ensure that they are correctly registered with their local Einwohnermeldeamt.

After Brexit, UK nationals, irrespective of whether they have in the past been issued with an “unbefristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis”, will have to apply to their local Foreigners Authority (Ausländerbehörde) for a new residence permit to continue living in Germany.


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**Healthcare**

If you are working in Germany and paying German social security contributions, your healthcare via a German health insurance company (Krankenkasse) will not be affected by Brexit.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal and your healthcare is currently provided for by the UK government via a S1 form, this form may no longer be recognised after Brexit. In this case, you would be required to join a German Krankenkasse within 3 months of exit day.

If there’s a no-deal Brexit, UK-issued European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) might no longer be recognised in Germany. Students should join a German health insurer within 3 months or contract private insurance.

Learn more: [gov.uk/livingingermany#healthcare](https://www.gov.uk/livingingermany#healthcare)

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**Professional qualifications**

If you hold UK professional qualifications you should get them recognised in Germany before Brexit.

Find out how to do this at: [anerkennung-in-deutschland.de](https://anerkennung-in-deutschland.de)

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**Passports**

If you want to travel to other EU countries after Brexit, adult and child passports should be valid for at least 6 months from your date of travel.

Before you book travel, use this tool to check that your passport is valid: [passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport](https://passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport)

Additionally, German Foreigners Authorities have advised that residence permits will need to be renewed every time you renew your passport.

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**Driving**

UK nationals resident in Germany should exchange their UK driving licence for a German driving licence before Brexit.

Your local Bürgeramt will be able to advise on where to do this. You will be allowed to drive on your German licence when visiting the UK. An International Driving Permit is not a suitable alternative to exchanging your licence.

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If you have any further questions, please contact us at [gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin](https://www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin)

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