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Residency

<p>Good morning. My wife and I are living in Landkreis Munich and have been in Germany since early 2012. We had received a communication from the Kreisverwaltungsreferat last year telling us we would be given some sort of document entitling us to remain and that the only thing that might complicate matters would be a no-deal scenario. Since then we haven't heard from the KVR. Should we initiate contact? We're getting concerned that the clock is ticking and that the no-deal scenario still seems to be a real possibility.</p>	<p>Hi G, thanks for your question. I can understand that you are anxious not having heard back from your local Foreigners Authority but don't worry. The Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of all those UK nationals living and working in Germany by the end of the transition period (31 December 2020) and their family members – these rights are protected irrespective of the outcome of the ongoing EU-UK negotiations about the future relationship. Germany has just recently adopted a draft residence law which foresees that UK nationals who live in Germany at the end of the transition period will be able to obtain a new residence document confirming their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement. The KVR is probably waiting until the legislative process is finalised before they will get in touch with you again. We expect it to be completed during the summer and under this law, you will have until 30 June 2021 to obtain the new residence documentation. Have a look at our guidance on residence documents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany. Also, check our Living in Germany Guide and sign up to our e-mail alerts for up-to-date information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany. All the best!</p>
<p>My question is I am a British citizen living in the UK, my wife of 26 years is German. We intend to emigrate to Germany and</p>	<p>Dear P,</p>

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purchase a guest house. Its critical I get we get this correct what do I need to do and when to ensure my permanent resident status (as self-funding retired) in Germany before the end of the transition period. If the property purchase isn't completed and at the time emigrating we will be living in Germany with my Mother-in-law will this address suffice for permanent residence. I will have to return to the U.K. after registration to complete business here is this permissible provided I return within 6 months.

Thank you very much for getting in touch. To be covered by the Withdrawal Agreement and secure your resulting residency rights in Germany as a UK national, it would be important that you register an address in Germany with the local authorities by 31 December 2020 and that, by the end of June 2021 at the latest, you contact the local Foreigners Authority to obtain a residence document.

Please note that the question of permanent or temporary residence is generally related to duration of existing stay in Germany, with applicants ordinarily only qualifying for permanent residency after living in Germany consecutively for five years. Nevertheless, temporary residency may be converted into permanent residency at a later date, once the conditions have been fulfilled.

As you mention, you would be permitted to leave Germany for up to six months at a time whilst retaining your residency under the Withdrawal Agreement.

Please see our guidance for further information and identify your local Foreigners Authority:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany>.

As the long-term spouse of a German citizen, you might also be entitled to a residence permit under national immigration rules in Germany, irrespective of the Withdrawal Agreement. Please contact your local Foreigners Authority with any questions about this. We wish you all the best for your move!

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I am moving apartment to a different address in Berlin, do I need to resubmit the online registration form that I already sent to the Ausländerbehörde here earlier this year?

Dear J,
Thanks very much for getting in touch. Please register your new address with your new local Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). In addition please notify the Berlin Foreigners Authority (Landesamt für Einwanderung) via their contact form (<https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/aufenthalt/freizuegigkeit-eu-ewr-schweiz/formular.873838.en.php>). You do not need to re-submit the entire online form. Please see the Berlin Foreigners Authority Brexit FAQs for further information: <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/residence/eu-eea-switzerland/artikel.878758.en.php#residence>

Good morning from Bavaria. My husband has submitted documents to the KVR three times however due to everything still only being at draft stage with the German government no papers or residence cards are being issued. He has lived here over 10 years and is retired and has a British passport We fall under the Starnberg locality however they are not listed as one of the recommended contact addresses by yourselves despite being the official place for our area. All follow ups by us have been met with don't contact us we'll contact you or with maybe the application forms have been lost so please apply again. Hence three submissions in two years both in person and by post. With no deal looking likely we read that this could jeopardise things even more. Please advise when we can expect some kind of response.

Hi F, thanks for your question. We understand that you are anxious not having heard back from your local Foreigners Authority but don't worry. The Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of all those UK nationals living and working in Germany by the end of the transition period (31 December 2020) and their family members – these rights are protected irrespective of the outcome of the ongoing EU-UK negotiations about the future relationship. Germany has just recently adopted a draft residence law which foresees that UK nationals who live in Germany at the end of the transition period will be able to obtain a new residence document confirming their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement. The Starnberg Authority is probably waiting until the legislative process is finalised to process your application. We expect that to be completed during the summer and under this law, you will have until 30 June 2021 to obtain the new residence documentation. We will update our guidance on residence documents as soon as the legislative process is completed: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germa>

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	<p><u>ny-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</u>. All the best!</p>
<p>Good morning from Berlin,</p> <p>Is there any timeframe for the draft law on the residence document to be fully implemented? With the time now 1 year to go through all of the requests, and given that I've heard nothing since registering with the Ausländerbehörde well over 1 year ago, the concern is that in Berlin there are just too many of these to process in the timeframe</p> <p>Also, what (if any) are the rights wrt to travel / work with the residence card in Europe outside of Germany? In my situation I'm now almost 6 years in Berlin and would like to consider what my options for both Germany and Europe as a whole</p>	<p>Dear W,</p> <p>Many thanks for your questions.</p> <p>The German government has now presented its draft law for consultation and we expect the legislation to enter into force before the autumn. This will be necessary to enable local Foreigners Authorities to begin formally processing applications and issuing residence documents to UK nationals and their family members. If you have already completed the Berlin foreigners authority's online system, they will get in touch with you. Please ensure that you attend any appointment you're invited to.</p> <p>The important thing to remember is that UK nationals safeguard their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement by submitting their applications (as you already did in Berlin last year via the online process). This is the case regardless of how quickly the Foreigners Authority subsequently processes an individual application.</p> <p>Once the legislation is passed, we will update our Living in Germany Guide at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany</u> and also <u>this Facebook page</u>.</p> <p>Regarding your second question, freedom of movement continues during the transition period, so UK nationals can move to other member states until 31 December 2020. Afterwards, UK nationals will be able to travel visa-free to other Schengen countries for short-term trips of up to 90 in 180 days. However, the right to permanently move to another member state is not covered by the Withdrawal Agreement, so you would have to check the future immigration rules for UK nationals in the country you would like to move to.</p>

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<p>Good Morning, I note from guidance that residence permits will be issued from June 2021, I would like to know about ability to travel after the end of the transition period but before residence documents are issued. I live in Bavaria and have family in the UK.</p>	<p>Dear C, Thank you very much for getting in touch. Whilst UK nationals have until 30 June 2021 to request the new residence document, most local Foreigners Authorities are expected to start issuing residence documents to UK nationals once the German government has passed the relevant legislation, which we expect to happen later this year. If you have not yet received your new residence document by January 2021 and would like to travel after the end of the transition period, you can request a so-called 'Fiktionsbescheinigung' from your local foreigners authority. This will facilitate your re-entry into any Schengen country when travelling. In addition, you must take your valid UK passport. Please have a look at our guidance on residence documents and sign up for email alerts. We will update this as soon as the application process for the new residence documents opens: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</p>
<p>Hello, Do I have to be present in Germany on 31 Dec 2020 to be eligible for getting a Residency card, or just be a resident from the time of the WA? I've been here in Berlin (Australian with a British passport) with Anmeldung for >3 years, but will be trying to go back home to Australia for the Christmas period (as far as this will be possible with corona...), but I don't want to miss out on eligibility if I'm not here when the clock ticks over. Thanks for your help!</p>	<p>Hi A, thanks for your question. No, you do not have to be present on 31 Dec 2020. The Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of all those UK nationals living and working in Germany by the end of the transition period (31 December 2020) and since you have registered with the Berlin authorities, you fall under this category. Germany has just recently adopted a draft residence law which foresees that UK nationals who live in Germany at the end of the transition period will obtain a new residence document confirming their rights under the</p>

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	<p>Withdrawal Agreement. You will have until 30 June 2021 to obtain the new residence documentation. Should you not receive your new residence card before travelling to Australia, please ensure you take other documentation, such as your registration certificate, with you to ensure a smooth entry into Germany upon your return. Please also complete Berlin's online form if you haven't done so yet. Have a look at our guidance on residence documents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany and the Berlin Foreigners Authority Brexit FAQs: https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/en/residence/eu-eea-switzerland/artikel.878758.en.php#residence</p>
<p>Good morning, firstly thanks for running this session! I have a question about the residence document that we will be issued with next year. Will everyone receive the same document and will it in any way be connected to a specific job/ employer? For example if someone is unemployed, will they need to apply for a new document when they find a job?</p>	<p>Hi H, thanks for your question. The residence document will have a uniform format and be valid for up to 10 years. It will not be connected to a specific job/employer, so you don't have to renew it when you change jobs. For further information, please see our guidance on residence documents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</p>
<p>Good morning, due to my dual nationality I never bothered about changing anything, my passport was my little piece of home away from home. I have a German "Perso" and a British passport. Up to now I always travelled with the passport (US & Asia) Will I be able to travel abroad and enter Germany again with the passport but no "Aufenthaltsdocument"? Would it be wise to get a German Reisepass?</p>	<p>Dear N, Many thanks for your questions. As a dual national, you will not need a new residence document to continue to live in Germany. In order to enter Germany after the end of the transition period, you should take your German ID card in addition to your UK passport. For enquiries about the rules on travel from and entry into Germany on a German personal ID card (as opposed to a German passport) you may find the following website</p>

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	<p>useful: https://www.bundespolizei.de/Web/DE/01Sicher-auf-Reisen/05Einreise-Aufenthalt/einreise-aufenthalt_node.html. In case of further questions on this issue, please contact the German authorities.</p>
<p>Hi there, I am living in Schweinfurt, Bavaria and have been living here since March 2019. I understand we are to wait to be contacted by the Ausländerbehördeamt about residence permits but I was wondering if there is any information about when we will be contacted. I know that we have until next year to secure residence permits but it's a bit stressful not knowing how long processing times are or when they will contact us to arrange the permits (or how long the permit will be valid for). Could you please provide me with any further information you might have about residence permits and the process? Thank you</p>	<p>Dear E, thanks for your question. I appreciate it must be worrying not to hear back from the Ausländerbehörde but please rest assured that as a UK national living and working in Germany by the end of the transition period (31 December 2020), your rights are protected under the Withdrawal Agreement and you will be able to obtain a residence permit. Germany has just recently adopted a draft residence law and your Foreigners Authority is probably waiting until the legislative process is finalised to process your application. We expect that to be completed during the summer and as you pointed out, you will have until 30 June 2021 to obtain the new residence documentation. Have a look at our guidance on residence documents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-any-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany. We will update this page as soon as the draft law is passed.</p>
<p>Good morning, do we need to be physically in Germany on 31 dec 2020 to be eligible for residency card? I'm guessing several of us could be visiting family for Christmas. Thanks</p>	<p>Hi R and thanks for your question. You do not have to be present on 31 Dec 2020 to qualify for a residence document. As long as you are registered with your local registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt), you will be covered by the Withdrawal Agreement. In addition you will have to request a new residence document from your foreigners authority by 30 June 2021. Please have a look at our guidance on residence documents for further information and sign up for email alerts https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-</p>

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	<p><u>residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany.</u></p>
<p>Is there any indication about what the requirements will be to obtain a residency permit? If you don't have a job at the time, how much in savings would you need to be able to prove you can sustain yourself?</p>	<p>Dear H, Many thanks for your question. The general requirement to obtain a residence document in Germany under the Withdrawal Agreement is that you are exercising your free movement rights in Germany by 31 December 2020. The following Federal Interior Ministry website provides some helpful guidance on what this means in practice: <u>https://www.bmi.bund.de/EN/topics/migration/law-on-foreigners/freedom-of-movement/freedom-of-movement-node.html.</u> Subject to some conditions, job-seekers are included within the scope of free movement and the Withdrawal Agreement, whereby the unemployed are required to demonstrate that they have sufficient resources to sustain themselves and that they have comprehensive health insurance. The sufficient resources test is not tied to a specific amount but is applied to the particular circumstances of an individual applicant. We hope this has been helpful and wish you all the best!</p>
<p>I have a specific situation. I am an Australian living in Germany since 2018 on my British Passport. Before corona I was employed as a Stage Manager in live theatre. I am also registered as a freelancer / self employed with this activity too. I am currently on Arbeitslosengeld until October. I am worried that because of corona, it is very unlikely I will be able to work in my profession before the end of the year. Is this going to affect my ability to stay in Germany?</p>	<p>Dear H, Many thanks for your question, and we are very sorry to hear about the difficult situation you find yourself in as a result of Covid-19. As a self-employed stage manager you have most likely been exercising your free movement rights, which is the prerequisite for falling within the scope of the Withdrawal Agreement and thus obtaining a residence document to stay in Germany after the end of the transition period on 31 December</p>

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	<p>2020. The scope of freedom of movement extends to some jobseekers and those with an interrupted employment record. You can find more information about freedom of movement on the <u>German Federal Interior Ministry's website</u>. https://www.bmi.bund.de/EN/topics/migration/law-on-foreigners/freedom-of-movement/freedom-of-movement-node.html</p> <p>In its <u>coronavirus guidance</u> of <u>24.3.2020</u> (https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/publikationen/themen/migration/rundschreiben-entlastung-abh-corona.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2) the Federal Interior Ministry stated that the receipt of contributory benefits, such as Kurzarbeitergeld or Arbeitslosengeld 1 due to coronavirus would not negatively impact residence permit applications. As the situation develops we will continue to follow German government announcements on this issue and highlight them on our communications channels. Please therefore keep an eye on our Living in Germany Guide and sign up to our e-mail alerts for up-to-date information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany.</p> <p>Wishing you all the best,</p>
<p>Good morning, finally caught one of these. I have been in Germany since august of last year and am just about to launch my UK based LLC from here in Germany, Will being self employed and UK registered as an LLC have any effect on residence status here in Germany after the 31/12/2020. I will be cross border commuting on a regular basis but will spend most of my time in Germany.</p>	<p>Dear C, Thanks for your question and glad you managed to submit it.</p> <p>The general requirement to obtain a residence document in Germany under the Withdrawal Agreement is that you are exercising your free movement rights in Germany by 31 December 2020. Self-employment falls within the scope of</p>

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Also i will be travelling to new zealand ove the christmas and new year period for a wedding how can i make sure i dont run into any issues upon returning to Germany I am currently legally resistant.

the exercise of free movement rights, as noted by the following Federal Interior Ministry guidance: <https://www.bmi.bund.de/EN/topics/migration/law-on-foreigners/freedom-of-movement/freedom-of-movement-node.html>.

Therefore, your rights to live in Germany will be protected by the Withdrawal Agreement, as long as you spend more than 6 months a year here. It will be important that by 30 June 2021 you request a residence document from your local Foreigners Authority, please see our guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany>

Please note that the recognition of UK corporate forms in the EU (including in Germany) and the rules for the provision of services across borders from 1 January 2021 are a matter for the ongoing negotiations, therefore please keep following advice on gov.uk about LLCs.

Regarding your second question, there is no issue around being outside of Germany at the end of the transition period and the beginning of 2021, provided you are lawfully resident in Germany under free movement law at the end of 2020. When returning to Germany from New Zealand early in the New Year you might need to provide documentation to border guards demonstrating your ongoing lawful residence in Germany. Please check our Living in Germany guide for updates closer to the date you're travelling: www.gov.uk/livinginGermany.

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Healthcare, pensions, working and benefits

If I decide to retire here in Germany, will I receive my pension and Health care from the UK after Brexit using the S1 system. I have paid into the UK system all my life with the understanding that this would be the case. However I have just read a news article that it might not continue after Brexit.

Hi R, and thanks for your question.

The Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of UK nationals living in the EU by 31 December 2020. The article you mention refers to social security coordination including reciprocal healthcare arrangements for those who are not in scope of the Withdrawal Agreement and who move to the EU after the end of the transition period.

If you are living in Germany before 31 December 2020, you will be covered by the Withdrawal Agreement. As a UK national covered by the Withdrawal Agreement who is yet to reach state pension age, you will have the right to apply for a UK S1 once you start drawing your UK state pension, provided you remain living in Germany. At this point you would also be entitled to a UK-issued EHIC valid for travel across the EU.

In the meantime, you should continue to access healthcare through the appropriate route. This may mean paying contributions into a German Krankenkasse or purchasing insurance.

Arrangements for those moving to the EU after 1 January 2021 are still subject to negotiations.

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	<p>You can sign up for updates to our Living in Germany guide at: gov.uk/living-in-germany. Wishing you good health!</p>
<p>Good morning</p> <p>Website “Europe Street News”has a report “UK ditches healthcare coverage.....” The report does not make the impending situation clear for us.</p> <p>We are/have Resident in Germany since retiring from the Army in 1991. Employed then retired in Germany Gesetzlich krankenversichert (TK) thanks to S1. Dual nationality since 2015</p> <p>What will change for us with respect to healthcare & social services on 1 January 2021?</p>	<p>Hello R - yes, this is how one takes part in a Facebook Drop-in, and thank you for participating!</p> <p>The Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of UK nationals living in the EU by 31 December 2020. The article you mention refers to social security coordination including reciprocal healthcare arrangements for those who are not in scope of the Withdrawal Agreement and who move to the EU after the end of the transition period.</p> <p>The outcome of the future relationship negotiations does not affect the rights of those UK nationals already living in the EU, such as yourself, whose rights are protected by the Withdrawal Agreement.</p> <p>As per the Withdrawal Agreement, S1 form holders who have moved to Germany before 31 December 2020 will continue to have life-long healthcare rights provided they remain resident in Germany. This means that your access to healthcare in Germany will not change for as long as you remain resident in Germany.</p> <p>Remember that as an S1 form holder, if you visit the UK you will still be able to access free NHS care when temporarily visiting England, Scotland and Wales, as you can now.</p> <p>If you don't receive them already, please consider signing up for email updates at https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-germany</p> <p>Thanks again, and all the best!</p>

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<p>Will my S1 Health Certificate continue to be valid after the Transition Period.</p>	<p>Hi D, thank you for participating in our Facebook event.</p> <p>Yes, if you are already living in Germany before 31 December 2020, your S1 certificate will continue to be valid after the transition period for as long as you remain resident in Germany. S1 form holders who have moved to Germany before the end of the transition period will continue to have life-long healthcare rights provided they remain registered as resident here – these rights are protected in the Withdrawal Agreement.</p> <p>In addition, as an S1 holder if you temporarily visit the UK you will still be able to access free NHS care in England, Scotland and Wales, as you can now.</p> <p>Best wishes for your health and thanks again for your question.</p>
<p>Good morning.</p> <p>I am still serving and want to move back to Germany with my German wife before Dec.</p> <p>Due to medical conditions i have to treatment back here in UK and that is planned till at least November.</p> <p>When I move I wont be drawing s pension until st least 06 Jan 2021 and still waiting on a War pension decision. I am disabled and cant work for various reasons and the wife wants to be near family.</p> <p>Q. I will be registered before 31 Dec 20 (we have a place already) but because my pension wont actually be paid till after</p>	<p>Hello D, and many thanks for your question. As there are a few details that could impact your situation, it would be helpful if you could contact us directly at EEA.healthcare@fco.gov.uk with your question as well as your date of birth and UK National Insurance Number (if you know it) so we can gather further information to best reply. Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you!</p>

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<p>the transition period can I still apply for an S1 before this (I have been accepted that I will get a medical pension but wont recieve first payment till jan 21)</p> <p>Thank you</p>	
<p>Good Morning. Can you please confirm that even if the trade talks fail, that the already agreed agreement for Health Care (S1) will stand and that as stated, if we remain in Germany we will have life time Health Care cover. Stay safe. EMS</p>	<p>Hi E, thanks very much for your question. You are correct, your rights to healthcare access through an S1 are protected in the Withdrawal Agreement. This holds irrespective of the outcome of future relationship negotiations. According to the Agreement, S1 form holders who have moved to Germany before 31st December 2020 will continue to have life-long healthcare rights provided they remain registered as resident in Germany. This means that your access to healthcare in Germany will not change for as long as you remain resident in Germany. Also please remember that as an S1 form holder, if you visit the UK you will still be able to access free NHS care when temporarily visiting England, Scotland and Wales, as you can now. You can sign up to receive email alerts on the Living in Germany guide here, if you don't already: https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-germany</p> <p>Wishing you good health!</p>
<p>Good morning,</p> <p>My parents are British citizens who have been living and working abroad in a country where there's no mutual agreement with the UK State Pension system. My dad has</p>	<p>Hi C. Thank you for your questions! Health insurance is mandatory for everyone resident in Germany. When your parents move to Germany, they might be able to join a German statutory insurer or might have to contract private insurance. They might also be eligible for a S1</p>

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<p>retired and my mom is about to as well. I on the other hand have been living in Germany for 10 years. They will be moving to Germany before Dec 31st and local registration will be done.</p> <p>My question is, is health insurance an absolute requirement to apply for a residence card? What are the other required documents for the application? Based on the guidelines they are probably not eligible for the UK state pension system hence no S1 form for them. What is the most suitable insurance for their specific situation? Can they still continue to have access to the German healthcare system while contributing to the UK national insurance after the transition period?</p> <p>Many thanks.</p>	<p>form. You can read more information including on eligibility for S1 forms here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-germany.</p> <p>Regarding residency guidelines, here you can see guidance on residence documents: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany. Which documents exactly will be necessary to request the new residence document has not been confirmed yet. We will update this guidance as soon as it is.</p> <p>Also, check our Living in Germany Guide and sign up to our e-mail alerts for up-to-date information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany. All the best to you and your parents!</p>
<p>I am a frontier worker who lives in Germany but owns a business in the U.K. and is paid solely through that format subject to U.K. tax and national insurance. I have no income earned in Germany. I have been refused a S1 form but cannot get German health insurance (TK advises that I can only be covered by the health system in one country). Non-State private insurance in Germany is unaffordable due to age and underlying health issues. Please advise why S1 would not be allowed, what are the healthcare and other arrangements for frontier workers in the event of a deal or no deal.</p>	<p>Hello S, and thank you for participating in our Facebook event. As you are likely aware, health insurance is mandatory for all residents of Germany. For questions on entitlements to an S1 form, please contact NHSBSA or HMRC – you can find information and contact details here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-germany.</p> <p>Regarding the future arrangements for frontier workers, the Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of those who are frontier workers at 31 December 2020, for as long as they continue to be frontier workers in the host state. However, you must apply for a new frontier worker card by 30 June 2021. We will update the Living in Germany guide as soon as it is</p>

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	<p>possible to apply for this card.</p> <p>If you haven't already, please visit our Living in Germany Guide and sign up to our e-mail alerts for up-to-date information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany.</p> <p>Wishing you good health!</p>
<p>If a British Citizen working on a permanent contract for 3 years and 6 months in Germany and lost the job in March came back to UK due to COVID-19 and cannot find a job in UK from that time will he be able to get Unemployment Benefit here in UK as they paid Unemployment insurance in Germany and if so how to get the Unemployment benefit</p>	<p>Dear S, thank you very much for your question. If arranged in advance, Germany does allow the export of German unemployment benefit for three months after the date of unemployment (i.e. if you return to the UK straight away). Please speak to your local Agency for Employment in Germany, whom you should contact three months before anticipated unemployment if you can. For the purposes of contributory job seekers' allowance (JSA) in the UK, the Withdrawal Agreement ensures that contributions you have made in Germany will be recognised for JSA in the UK. It is worth noting however, that contributory JSA and non-contributory JSA is the same in the UK, no matter what contributions you have made beforehand. For further information, please see https://www.gov.uk/jobseekers-allowance and contact your Jobcentre.</p>
<p>I'm currently in receiving PIP when the withdrawal agreement is complete will I still be entitled to it and if yes when it runs out would I be able to renew it while still living in Germany?</p> <p>Is their any assistance available for having to transfer and/or translate documents eg. Driving licence's , medical documents?</p>	<p>Hi J,</p> <p>For those who are resident in Germany before 31 December 2020 and in full scope of the Withdrawal Agreement, the EU's social security coordination rules will continue to apply in full. This includes the right to export relevant benefits to EU member states and the UK, as under the current rules. Therefore your entitlement to Personal Independence</p>

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	<p>Payments will not change after the end of the transition period, and for as long as you continue to live in Germany and continue to meet all other eligibility requirements. When you need to renew your PIP you should contact the relevant UK authorities as normal who will be able to provide you with further guidance.</p> <p>Regarding driving licenses – as a UK national living in Germany you should exchange your UK driving licence for a German licence. Your local Bürgeramt will be able to advise you where you need to go to do this. Driving licence exchange rules won't change before 31 December 2020, but might be different in the future. You will be able to use your German licence when visiting the UK.</p> <p>If you need to translate any official documents then you will need to discuss with relevant German authorities what is required and contact a professional translator.</p>
<p>Good morning, I am currently resident in Germany with an A1 cert + S1 for myself & dependants. Did the withdrawal agreement mean that for my situation the coordination of social security continues beyond 31st Dec 2020? I'm not retired or drawing a pension, I mostly work in the UK, but live in Germany.</p>	<p>Dear O, many thanks for your important question. This depends on your circumstances, for example whether you are a frontier worker residing in Germany working physically in the UK, or whether you have been temporarily posted to Germany either as an employee or self-employed.</p> <p>The rights of frontier workers are protected by the Withdrawal Agreement, but if you are a frontier worker, you will need to get a new frontier worker card by 30 June 2021 at the latest.</p> <p>If you are a posted worker, you can continue to work as you currently do until the transition period ends on 31 December 2020. Future arrangements for posted workers and the associated social security coordination rules are subject to negotiations between the EU and the UK. Please contact</p>

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	HMRC, who issued your A1 certificate, about your individual circumstances.
<p>Good morning. I am planning to move to Germany from the UK in August. Will I be eligible for unemployment benefit in Germany if I can't find work immediately based on my national insurance contributions in the UK?</p>	<p>Hello M, thank you for your question. If you move to Germany before the end of the transition period (i.e. August) your NIC contributions in the UK can be recognised for contributory job seekers' allowance (called Arbeitslosengeld I, or AGL I). This protected under the Withdrawal Agreement. When you are applying for ALG I, the local job centre will normally expect notification three months in advance, unless events were out of your control and you could not foresee your unemployment. EU nationals, including UK citizens until the end of the transition period, cannot claim non-contributory job seekers allowance (called Arbeitslosengeld II, ALG II, or commonly Hartz IV) during the first three months of their stay, unless they lose their job through no fault of their own. For further information, please contact the Federal Employment Agency on 0228 713-2903 (within Germany) or</p> <p>+49 228 713-2903 (from abroad)</p>
<p>Good morning . We are a british family living in Berlin. We have a new born son born in Berlin. We have registered in Berlin and hAve applied for elterngeld but hAve been asked to provide a copy our residence permits. We sent copies of the registration certificate which we printed out. Will this be accepted?</p>	<p>Hello V, thanks for your question, and congratulations on the birth of your son! As you might know, we are currently in a transition period lasting until 31 December 2020 during which EU rules on freedom of movement continue to apply to UK nationals. In addition, the Withdrawal Agreement protects the rights of UK nationals living in Germany before 31 December 2020. Therefore, you should be receiving Elterngeld without the need for a residence permit, as long as you meet the eligibility conditions (even though the authorities might be asking for a registration certificate - Meldebestätigung). Should</p>

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	<p>you continue to face difficulties, please let us know by sending us an email to UKinGermany@fco.gov.uk.</p>
<p>My husband will be working in Germany until April next year. He was sent to work here by an English company. My kids and I are here joining him. My kids currently have child benefit in UK will they lose it? What will be happend when we will come back? Can they have it back? After January what we should do if we are only staying until April. We are currently registered here.</p>	<p>Hello, thanks for your question. It sounds like your husband is a so-called 'posted worker'.</p> <p>Nothing will change for posted workers during the transition period lasting until 31 December 2020. Your husband can continue his posting and you can continue to export UK child benefit for your children during this time.</p> <p>For the time after the end of the transition period (from 1 January 2021), the EU Withdrawal Agreement does not protect the rights of workers to be posted to the UK or an EU country.</p> <p>However, if your husband can continue with his posting in Germany under either a future relationship agreement between the UK and the EU or under German immigration rules, then his social security position will not change. This is because, his social security position will be protected by the Withdrawal Agreement. Your husband will be able to continue having to pay only UK social security contributions (national Insurance Contributions) and the UK will continue to be responsible for the payment of benefits, including Child Benefit.</p> <p>Please sign up for email alerts to the Living in Germany guide, which will be updated as and when further information becomes available: https://www.gov.uk/email-signup/?topic=/world/living-in-germany</p>

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Passports and dual-nationality

<p>I have now two passports, both German and UK. Will I be able to keep both after the transition period?</p>	<p>Dear I, many thanks for getting in touch. Yes, you will be able to keep both nationalities, and both passports, after the end of the transition period. All the best!</p>
<p>Since Brexit we have pursued paths for dual nationality due to marriage (British/Italian). Furthermore, we have an Irish grandparent and we live in Germany. How many nationalities can one hold simultaneously and how many passports?</p>	<p>Hi S, Thanks for your question. In the UK there are no restrictions on dual nationality. Germany only allows dual nationality in exceptional cases, including for UK nationals who applied for and met all conditions for German nationality before the end of the transition period. For information on dual nationality in the other countries you mention (Italy, Ireland), please contact the authorities there. As a dual EU/UK national you won't need a new residence document to live in Germany after the end of the transition period, but please ensure that you notify your local Einwohnermeldeamt of your other nationalities.</p>
<p>Good Morning, My British Passport will expire in mid September 2020, should I attempt to renew it now or wait, do you know the current processing times?</p>	<p>Dear S, thank you very much for getting in touch with us. Due to COVID-19, it is unfortunately currently taking longer than usual to process passport applications. Her Majesty's Passport Office (HMPO) therefore recommends that you only apply if you are travelling before September 2020 or if you urgently need a passport for compassionate reasons. You can find</p>

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	<p>further information about renewing your passport here: https://www.gov.uk/renew-adult-passport. Please note that if you're abroad, need to travel and cannot get a passport in time, you can also apply for an Emergency Travel Document (ETD). For further information please visit the following page: https://www.gov.uk/emergency-travel-document.</p> <p>You will need a valid passport when requesting your new residence document to confirm your rights under the Withdrawal Agreement, but you will have time until June 2021 to do so.</p> <p>If you would like more information for UK nationals in Germany, please look at our Living in Germany guide, where you can also sign up for email alerts when new information is added: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany. Many thanks.</p>
<p>I am a resident in Germany working but plan to return to the UK soon. My wife has already had to head home to the UK for work and so has removed her German residency. She wanted to join me here for the summer, driving across with our two dogs to stay for 6-8 weeks. Now that the borders are open it seems getting into Germany should be ok, but the U.K. travel advice remains as not to travel. Does this mean that her travel insurance would be void? If the border closes again would she be able to cross it due to being married to a resident and therefore reuniting with a spouse? Thanks!!</p>	<p>Hi D,</p> <p>Thanks for getting in touch! Regarding your travel insurance enquiry, I would advise you to check with the insurance provider to see if your policy is affected.</p> <p>In terms of the Travel Advice, we expect an update to be given soon, so sign up to our travel advice pages for Germany and relevant bordering countries such as France, Belgium and the Netherlands to stay up to date on the latest changes. https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</p> <p>We'll also post any updates on this Facebook page, as well! All the best</p>
<p>I am fortunate to have obtained dual nationality (UK and GE) and am aware therefore that it is not necessary for me to</p>	<p>Hi R,</p>

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register for an „Aufenthaltsdokument“ before the end of the transition period. My question is however, should I wish to, am I actually allowed to apply for this document and if so what do you see as the advantages/disadvantages of doing/not doing so?

Sincere thanks in advance for your thoughts on this.

Congratulations on becoming a dual national! Correct, you will not require a residence document to continue to live in Germany after the end of the transition period. If you are a dual national you might, however, still have rights in other areas flowing from the Withdrawal Agreement. We are in contact with the German authorities about how to assert these rights and will update the Living in Germany guide when further information is available.

Thanks for your enquiry.

Withdrawal Agreement

If I decide to move to Germany from the UK before 31 December, will I have the right to work and live there after Brexit? Is there a date I need to arrive by in order to secure these rights?

Dear M, many thanks for getting in touch with us. UK nationals legally resident in Germany before the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020 are entitled, under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, to continue to live and work in Germany after the transition period has ended. To be in scope of the Withdrawal Agreement, you must have arrived before 31 December 2020.

If you are planning to stay in Germany for more than three months, you must register at your local registration office within 14 days of arrival. You can find an overview of these registration offices here: <https://www.melderegister-auskunft.de/deutschland>. The office is sometimes known as th

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	<p>e Einwohnermeldeamt, Kreisverwaltungsreferat (KVR), Bürgerbüro or Bürgeramt.</p> <p>In addition, in order to confirm your rights under the Withdrawal Agreement, you will need to obtain a new residence document from the local Foreigners Authority. You can find more information about how to do this here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</p> <p>We will update this guidance as soon as there are any updates. You can also find further information on the website of the German Federal Interior Ministry: https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/constitution/brexit/faqs-brexit.html</p> <p>If you would like more information for UK nationals in Germany, please look at our Living in Germany guide, where you can also sign up for email alerts when new information is added: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany.</p>
<p>My son is currently doing a gap year working as an intern in Bavaria until August and is now talking about maybe staying to do an engineering apprenticeship with Mercedes in Nuremberg. Is that possible with Brexit or not? Thanks.</p>	<p>Hi J,</p> <p>What an exciting time for your son! Yes, it is. First all of, freedom of movement continues during the transition period, so UK nationals can continue to move freely to any EU member state until 31 December 2020. In addition, UK nationals legally resident in Germany before the transition period ends (31 December 2020) are entitled, under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, to continue to live and work in Germany after the transition period has ended.</p>

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	<p>Your son should ensure he is correctly registered with his local registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt) and if he plans to stay beyond the end of December, he should also request a residence document from his local foreigners authority (Ausländerbehörde). Please see our guidance on foreigners authorities; https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany.</p>
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COVID-19 questions

<p>Good morning, we are a British family travelling to Croatia at the weekend. Do we need to take anything other than our UK passports and proof of German residence? Thanks</p>	<p>Thanks very much for getting in touch, R. Croatia opened its borders again to visitors from the EU/EEA and the UK on 11 May, as long as they hold a firm accommodation reservation. As you are travelling on British passports you should check the UK government's latest travel advice for Croatia https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/croatia/entry-requirements and be prepared to fill out the Croatian government's new online entry form. You didn't mention how you might be travelling to Croatia. If you are travelling overland, you should check the relevant travel advice for the countries you will be passing through (https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice). Croatia currently has a 14 day quarantine requirement in place for visitors arriving from Bosnia, Kosovo, Serbia and North Macedonia. If you are flying then you need only follow the latest entry travel requirements for Croatia. You should carry a copy of your accommodation booking. Proof of German residency may be useful if circumstances should change.</p>
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	<p>Regulations may change at any time so please keep abreast of developments before travelling by Signing up for alerts to the FCO travel advice for all relevant countries</p>
<p>i will be driving with my two children (aged 12 and 14) from cologne to norfolk via harwich on the 11th and staying for 16 days with my mother at her house.</p> <p>i have a british passport and my daughters have both british and german. we are all registered residents in cologne.</p> <p>will we need to quarantine for 14 days when we get there?</p>	<p>Dear R,</p> <p>thank you for your question. Today the government will announce details of a relaxation to the quarantine requirements for travellers from some countries, including Germany, which will come into effect from 10 July.</p> <p>Please watch gov.uk, this page and the media in the coming days for more details.</p> <p>Please bear in mind that the situation remains fluid. We recommend that you ensure you stay up to date on the latest restrictions by signing up for updates to our travel advice for all countries you will pass through on your journey: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice</p> <p>All the best!</p>