

LIVE FACEBOOK Q&A READOUT – 18/12/2018 – British Embassy Paris

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>I been living in france for as long as 16 yrs and have always paid into the state of france, do i still need one?</p>	<p>Thanks for your question, Lee. The French advice is to apply for a carte de séjour. If you've been living legally and continuously in France for more than 5 years, you should be able to apply for a permanent carte de séjour. The French will provide more information on the new registration they will bring in after Brexit in due course, and you can stay up to date on their site (https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit)</p>
<p>Finding it very difficult to make an appointment with our local prefecture for the Carte de séjour. They simply do not have enough manpower laid on.</p>	<p>Thanks for flagging that Paul. If you fill in this webform (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) and let us know which prefecture we're talking about then we will share that information with the French. That has already led to improvements in some areas, for example around Bordeaux. We'll keep at it.</p>
<p>Thank you. Two batches of questions which I would like to see addressed in the session and addes to the Top Questions 10 seems inadequate given the complexity we face). 1 What has been done in relation to Pension uplifts and Health care cover for those currently on S1 arrangements in the event of a No Deal? Will the British Government continue to pay fro Health Care for those who remain in a EU 27 country? 2 In the event that there is a negative answer to the foregoing questions, what is the UK's stance for Health and Social Care in relation to those who feel obliged to return to the UK after an absence of several years residing in a EU 27 country? Do we drop seamlessly back into the UK system or are there qualifying issues to meet? Is there a difference for those who continue to</p>	<p>Hi David, thanks for your question. On your first question the UK Government has said its plans to continue to pay an uprated state pension to eligible UK nationals living in the EU, and to protect past social security contributions and reciprocal healthcare arrangements. We are working with the EU towards this as for technical reasons they would need to reciprocate. In the deal scenario, as you know it is already agreed under the Withdrawal Agreement that these rights will continue.</p> <p>On your second question, I'll answer separately on health and social care:</p> <p>Health: all UK nationals that return to the UK permanently will have access to NHS funded healthcare, on the same basis of UK nationals already living there.</p>

<p>pay Income tax in the UK whilst resident in Europe and those who do not?</p>	<p>Social Care: This is question that we know is important to many people. Those people currently receiving UK benefits while living in the EU will continue to receive these benefits on return to the UK. And they would receive the same access to education as UK nationals already living there. For new claims, we'll set out more detail in due course - there are certain standard requirements as for any returning UK national.</p> <p>Where you pay income tax should not impact on this.</p>
<p>Your advice so far seems to focus entirely on Brits who are resident in France. That's fair enough, but what about people who (like me) are living and working in both the UK and France, and spend a substantial part of the year in France? Or what about people with 2nd homes in France?</p> <p>This was straightforward with freedom of movement, but now the British government seems determined to take away this right. Do you know how many people fall into this category?</p>	<p>Hi Richard, many thanks for the question. There should not be any issues around property rights as these are guaranteed under international law. The specifics of periods of residency will depend on your circumstances and status. For qualifying for registration you would probably need to have been living in France for at least six months in each given year in the period before we leave the EU. The rules for those resident in the UK and visiting France after Brexit need to be confirmed - neither side is proposing visas for visits of under three months.</p>
<p>If there is a second referendum (people's vote) will Expats be given the democratic right to vote?</p>	<p>Thanks Martin. As you know the Government's position is not to propose another referendum. On the technical question, the franchise for referenda is decided in the relevant legislation. On the more general question of expat voting the Conservative Party manifesto included a pledge to enfranchise all expats and a private members bill to that effect is currently before the House of Commons.</p>
<p>I have a question about freedom of movement. If I am a Brit living in France after Brexit, will I still be able to move freely around other EU countries? Or will I be restricted to 90 days in other EU countries? Or even worse, will my time spent in</p>	<p>Hi Deby. The British Government has been pushing for the right of onward movement to be included in the negotiations. While the European Parliament has been sympathetic to that request, the EU has so far not agreed and it would be something to be negotiated in the later stages of the process unfortunately. In the meantime what we can say is that under the Withdrawal Agreement the transition period through to end of 2020 will</p>

<p>France count as those 90 days and I won't be able to visit any other EU countries? Thank you.</p>	<p>mean you can move around as now. Thereafter those resident in France can move around the EU without a visa for up to 90 days - not counting time in France where there would be no limit. The same will be true in a no deal scenario but from the date of Brexit rather than end of 2020. Provisions beyond that would be for the rest of the negotiation. Hope that provides some clarity even if it isn't the answer we might want.</p>
<p>We have a house in Brittany France we have owned it for 19 years we have 6 months in France and 6 months in uk will we be restricted to 3 months only in France very unfair as we love our summers here now we are retired thank you</p>	<p>Many thanks Michael. There should not be any issues around property rights as these are guaranteed under international law. The specifics of periods of residency will depend on your circumstances and status. For qualifying for registration you would probably need to have been living in France for at least six months in each given year in the period before we leave the EU. The rules for those resident in the UK and visiting France after Brexit need to be confirmed - neither side is proposing visas for visits of under three months.</p>
<p>I have a suggestion for The Prime Minister, (in the event of Brexit happening), 10,000's of British pensioners will be left in penury. In many EU countries UK state pensions will not meet the minimum income required. May I suggest that UK pensioners who have made lives in the EU, have been betrayed by their countrymen, having moved to another member state, in good faith (ie that it was a permanent arrangement). There could well be a flood of homeless, impoverished, older people forced to leave the host countries for lack of permanent sustainable income. This will be a huge strain upon all social services in the UK, would damage the local economies in our host nations, and cause great distress to thousands. My solution to this is: for those who are the innocent victims of Brexit, raise the UK State Pension to the minimum required for a residence permit , in the countries that UK nationals have homes, and a proven residence record</p>	<p>Thanks for your question Suzy. This issue of requirements of residency is of course essential, and both the UK and French Governments are clear they want people to stay. In the UK we are not requiring proof of income and we are pushing for more clarity, and consistent application across prefectures, from the French who say they are not intending people to have to leave. If you hear of anyone being found to not meet income thresholds then do please get in touch with us at www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris. Hope that helps.</p>

<p>My mother moved here when she was a relatively fit 73 year old back in 2003. Now she is a not at all fit 88 year old, who receives extensive support from French social services (who quite frankly cannot believe her level of pension). In the event of a no deal Brexit, what happens to her? Will her access to supported home care and nursing evaporate like the promises on a bus? She has no family in the UK, I live in France and my brother lives in Australia.</p>	<p>Hi Jane, many thanks. We completely understand the concern. The Prime Minister has made it clear that the rights of EU citizens living in the UK will be protected in a no-deal scenario - including the kind of issues around access to healthcare you mention. The French have said that they will do the same in a reciprocal manner for British nationals here so we're pushing for them to confirm more details. Under a deal scenario the Agreement provides for existing access to continue. Hope that offers some reassurance.</p>
<p>Is there any point in applying for a Titre de Sejour before the UK leaves the EU (if we could book an appointment here in Ain 01 which has not been available so far)? Surely the card will be void at the end of March, necessitating more rigmarole for a replacement?</p>	<p>Thanks for your question, Sandra. It is up to you whether to apply now or wait for the new system but the French advice is to apply for a carte de sejour as you would then be in the system making things easier. If you are encountering difficulties with the prefecture in the Ain you can let us know via our webform page here so that we can highlight this to the Ministry (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris). The French will provide more information on the new registration they will bring in after Brexit in due course, and you can stay up to date on their site https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit. You can also sign up for updates to our Living in France Guide https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Hope this helps.</p>
<p>Some advice for second home owners is essential now as this area has been neglected. Can we stay for 5 months in France at one time, as we do? Surely we won't be restricted to 3 months and then leave for 3?</p>	<p>Hi Patricia. There should not be any issues around property rights as these are guaranteed under international law. The specifics of periods of residency will depend on your circumstances and status. For qualifying for registration you would probably need to have been living in France for at least six months in each given year in the period before we leave the EU. The rules for those resident in the UK and visiting France after Brexit need to be confirmed - neither side is proposing visas for visits of under three months.</p>

<p>I live in the UK but I have a flat in France which is registered with the authorities as a tourist let (micro biz). I am allowed to host short term lets and collect the tourist tax. I submit a tax return every year. In essence I am running a business in France. Will I need permission to continue doing this after 29th of March (assuming no deal)?</p>	<p>Hi Adrian. This would depend a bit on the legal framework you are using for the rental, and you might want to consult a lawyer. But as a general principle we would not expect Brexit to impact on the ability of businesses already set up in France to continue to operate - and your property rights of course continue as before. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>Re the message below from David Forsyth : Please add my name. Still very concerned about the word "broadly" in many of the statements. We will also continue to pay tax both in the UK and France despite the Double Taxation Agreement (France simply deducts the tax paid in the UK and then adds the full pension to be taxed in France again), but have no say in the UK anymore as we have been away over 15 year. Still waiting to hear whether our pensions will be increased whatever the Brexit outcome is.</p>	<p>Thanks Annechien. On tax the existing double taxation agreements will continue to apply in any scenario. On state pensions we are clear that we will uprate under the deal scenario, and want to do the same under a no-deal - this latter is subject to reciprocity for technical reasons but there is no indication that French will not agree. On voting the Conservative Party manifesto included a pledge to enfranchise all expats irrespective of time overseas and a private members bill to that effect is currently before the House of Commons. Hope that is clear.</p>
<p>I know people piling up questions don't necessarily want answers at this stage but, in expressing your anxieties and formulating your queries about citizens' rights in the event of No Deal, at least work from the latest information available - see this link: https://bit.ly/2Ewmftc</p>	<p>Thanks Chris - useful link to highlight. There are a number of others that are also worth looking at regularly, including our Living in Guide: https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Also the British Embassy and consulate channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twitter: @UKinFrance and @BritishinFrance and @EdLlewellynFCO • Facebook: https://en-gb.facebook.com/ukinfrance/ • Website: https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-paris

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<p>Brits in France have been advised to apply for cartes de séjour. I have been trying for the last three-and-a-half months to get one, but there is no response from my préfecture (Rennes). Online forums seem to reveal a chaotic situation where some préfectures grant these cards on the spot, while others ignore or refuse requests. What is happening to address this?</p>	<p>Thanks for your question, Abigail. The French Ministry of Interior wrote to all prefectures in March to confirm that they should continue to issue the existing EU/EEA Cartes de Sejours to Brits. We work closely with them to identify problems and try to improve the service provided so your feedback is invaluable. If you have more information about the issues in Rennes it would be very helpful if you could fill in this form (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) and we will follow-up. Thanks again.</p>
<p>What happens re my healthcare reimbursements after Brexit i.e. will the British government still reimburse a percentage to the French social security people (I have recently submitted S1 form and am not sure what happens next)? Also will I need to apply for EHIC card from Britain and no longer from France?</p>	<p>Hi Barbara, thanks for your question.</p> <p>On your first question, the answer is yes. As part of the Withdrawal Agreement, we have agreed with the EU to continue reciprocal healthcare and social security co-ordination arrangements. We are also working towards a reciprocal arrangement in the event of a no deal - we have confirmed that EU nationals living in the UK by March 2019 will continue to be able to access benefits and services as they do now, and the French say they will take a reciprocal approach.</p> <p>On your question about the EHIC card - you should apply for this card in whichever country you are permanently resident in, irrespective of Brexit. This is because the objective of this card is to provide you with free emergency healthcare in an EU member state in which you don't reside - as it is presumed you will be signed up to the healthcare system where you reside for routine healthcare. As part of the withdrawal agreement,</p>

	<p>UK nationals living in the EU and covered by the agreement will be able to continue to use their EHIC card for use in other member states indefinitely. We hope this arrangement will also apply in the event of a no deal.</p>
<p>Reading the stuff that came out of the French government last week my understanding is that....</p> <p>We are all advised to apply for CDS but that in the event of</p> <p>Withdrawal agreement being ratified - we will need to reapply, for what we have already, in December 2020 - subject to whatever new procedures are put in place.</p> <p>Withdrawal agreement not ratified - we will need to reapply, for what we have already, in March 2019. Reading the requirements here I understand that we will simply be treated as third country nationals with no account being taken of the previous relationship.</p> <p>Am I correct in this? This will of course leave vulnerable people open to the risk of non adherence to the new stricter requirements - income/language/culture etc. Is this being addressed?</p>	<p>Hi Lesley, good question, thanks. You're right that the French Government has not yet given full details of its future registration scheme. However their advice to us, which they wish us to pass onto you, is to indeed apply for a Carte de Sejour now. This ensures you are registered on their system, which should make it easier to transfer to a new scheme in the future.</p> <p>It is not the case that Brits resident here will simply be treated as third country nationals under no deal, as the French Government has said that the objective is for people to stay - as it is for us for EU nationals in the UK.</p>
<p>Hello. Do you have any idea what the wait is for exchanging my UK driving licence for a French one? I sent the paperwork off in mid-September. Is there a way of finding out if they've got my dossier in hand? Thank you</p>	<p>Hi Siobhan. We're sorry to hear that. There does seem to be an issue with the time taken to process driving licence requests as we have heard this from several people. We have no reason to think this is anything to do with Brexit but simply an administrative issue, but we will be raising it with the French.</p>

<p>Why are the prefecture not putting on more resources to handle the flood for the carte de sejour?</p>	<p>Thanks for the question, Paul. We are working closely with the French on this. They are looking at the resources they may need, and also on the ways they are working in order to be able to process residency demands. For example, the Ministry of Interior wrote to all prefectures in March this year, including an option for them to consider opening a specific EU counter to help with demand for carte de sejour: http://www.dordogne.gouv.fr/content/download/26095/187530/file/S%C3%A9jour.pdf</p>
<p>Hello many thanks for this Q&A. Have you any indication of what will happen to CAF payment for children (who may or may not be French) of Brits here legally, in particular, children who are students?</p>	<p>Hi Sophia, thanks for sending us your question. We would hope that this will not change. As part of the Withdrawal Agreement, we have agreed to continue social security and benefits co-ordination arrangements. We are also working towards a reciprocal agreement in the event of a no deal and have committed to keeping things as today for EU nationals in the UK - so given the French commitment to reciprocity we would expect this to be the case in France too, and are pushing for them to make that clear. If your entitlement results from payments into the French system there would be no issue in any case.</p>
<p>I'm a British citizen, I've been living in Paris for a year and a half now and have a CDI contract with work. What do I to ensure I'm able to continue living/working here after Brexshit!?</p>	<p>Hello Jamie. The French advice is to apply for a carte de sejour. If you have a CDI, you should be able to apply for a carte de sejour. Details are here: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F22117. The French will provide more information on the new registration they will bring in after Brexit in due course, and you can stay up to date on their site (https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit), as well as at https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france .</p>
<p>With the announced visa waiver system for travelers, does this mean residents will need to apply for visas in addition to the cds?</p>	<p>Hi Alexander, thanks. Residents of France will not need visas.</p> <p>For visitors (i.e. Brits resident in the UK, or French nationals in France) both the UK and EU have proposed that no visas will be required for short term travel or business. Hope this is welcome news.</p>

<p>What is the next step after trying for 6 months to get a CDS from my prefecture (Nogent sur Marne, 94)? I have been in person, sent recorded delivery letter, emailed. Nothing!</p>	<p>Hi Sarah, thanks for participating in the Facebook Live. Sorry to hear you've been having trouble with your CDS application. If you can send us the details of your issue (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris), we'll make sure to raise it with the French authorities. They will also bring out further information in due course about the new system they will be bringing in - but have already said you would not need to apply for that until after Brexit (in no deal scenario) or until June 2021 in a deal scenario. You can find out more here: https://brexit.gouv.fr/sites/brexit/accueil.html.</p>
<p>We have lived in france for 2 and a half years. , I am 52, my partner is 63, we dont work , live off a job pension and savingsshould we apply for a carte de sejour or wait to see what comes in after brexit as been here less than 5 years ?</p>	<p>Thanks for the question, Karen! It is up to you whether to apply now or wait for the new system but the French advice is to apply for a carte de sejour as you would then be in the system - making things easier. The fact that you have been here for less than five years should not make a difference - you simply get a temporary rather than permanent card, see here: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F22117.</p>
<p>my husband and I have lived in Burgundy for nearly 14 years and have no intention of leaving but he has had colon cancer for the past 18 months and we rely totally on the excellent French healthcare system - which for him is entirely free - what will happen to reciprocal health rights if we crash out of the EU as is likely with this disastrous government ?</p>	<p>Hi Jacky. We have already agreed that in a deal scenario access to healthcare and social security coordination will continue as today. We want the same to be true in a no deal scenario as a top priority, and are discussing that with the French authorities who are passing legislation to give themselves the power to do so.</p>
<p>I have a "Carte de Séjour" which is valid until 2022. There is no mention of Europe, European or EU on it. Will I need to change it in 2019?</p>	<p>Hi David, good question. Your card remains valid but you will have to replace it with a new system after Brexit - either from March in a no-deal scenario or before July 2021 in a deal scenario. More information available here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour and you can also stay up to date at https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Hope this helps.</p>

<p>We have been here for 5 years so can apply for a CDJ on the grounds of residency. My wife works for an international company who's head office is based in France. She is now on a French contract as opposed to an ex pat deal. She regularly travels to other European countries on a weekly basis for work. With the end of free movement & right to work how does this affect her ability to do her job?</p>	<p>Hi Ian. It will depend a bit on the details but there should be no impact on her contract or right to work. She should also be able to travel for business to other EU countries without a visa as both the UK and EU say they will not require visas for short-term travel. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>I have a carte de sejour citoyen ue/eee/suisse valid for 10 years. I have not applied for a french passport. What actions should I be taking now?</p>	<p>Hi Sylvia! Great that you already have a permanent card! It is your choice if you want to also apply for a French passport, but we can say that both the UK and France allow dual nationality. You will need to exchange your current carte de sejour for a future one at a later date - more information is available here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour and we have produced an informal translation here https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france</p>
<p>Hi, what happens in the interim between BREXIT 31st March and getting a CdS ref travel between UK and France. I'm a member of the Armed Forces. Working from both my home in France and base in the UK. Mainly what do I do regarding visas/proof of residency and getting home to my husband and young children in France. (CdS appointments run into 2020 in Normandy) I'm reluctant to apply now and frankly due to my work, don't have the time. Also interested in the Caf question earlier. TY</p>	<p>Hi Susan, thanks for the questions.</p> <p>Regarding the CdS, this is of course a personal decision and the French say that you will be able to apply for the new system either from March in a no-deal scenario or before July 2021 in a deal scenario. More information available here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour. Having an existing CDS may simplify that process which is why the French suggest it.</p> <p>On travel between the UK and France for work, frontier workers should be able to continue to cross the Channel for their jobs as today in a deal scenario and we are looking to the EU to match our promise to do the same under no-deal. As you are a member of the armed services you may want to check that does not make any difference to those provisions - we can't see that that it would but it's worth checking. I hope you found this, and our earlier answer on CAF, useful.</p>

<p>I am a serving official of the European Union working in France, I would like to know if the rights defined in Protocol 7 on the privileges and immunities of the European Union will be retained in UK law in the case of no agreement on Brexit.</p>	<p>Hi Chris. Could you please send us a bit more information about which aspects you are interested in (pension, tax, residency) so we can help. Please use this form (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris) and we will get back to you ASAP</p>
<p>I went to my appointment at the Paris prefecture (a few weeks ago) with all the documents they'd asked for on the list. I was told I needed a lot more (things that weren't on the list for any kind of card, like bank statements etc.) They brushed off my pointing out that the list said nothing about it by saying that the list changes all the time. Though I've not seen any amended lists published since then. Is there any way of either having a full and proper list published or arguing that I gave them all that I should have done without being brushed off?</p>	<p>Hi Gethin, thanks for getting in touch. You are right - there is a definitive list of document you need to apply for a carte de sejour detailed here by the French Ministry of Interior https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110. We have been made aware of some inconsistencies between Prefectures on the documents being asked for. We've raised this with the French Interior Ministry who have helped us to resolve a number of cases. We'll continue to raise difficult cases with the Ministry. It would be really helpful if you could fill out more detail on the issues you are facing with the Paris prefecture here so we can follow-up: (www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris)</p>
<p>My wife, two daughters (9 and 11) and I been living in France for the last 7 years, I'm just wondering what's going to happen to us!!?</p>	<p>Hi Karim, thanks for the question. It sounds like you would qualify for permanent residency, see here on how to apply: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F16003 and would also qualify under the new registration system the French will be bringing in. More information is available here https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour, and we have produced an informal translation here https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france</p>
<p>I have been in France and paid taxes for over 21 years. My carte de sejour expired many years ago and I was told when I went to renew it that I didn't need one anymore. Do I know need one ? thank you</p>	<p>Hi Sarah- Jane, thanks. Whilst you don't currently need a carte de sejour and it is up to you whether to apply for one, the French advice is that you get one as it may make your transition into the new system after Brexit easier. In case useful, details on how to apply can be found here: https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110.</p>

<p>Is there any clarification for UK residents claiming L'AAH ?? Will the UK pick up the tab if we are no longer entitled??? Lets be honest some of the most vulnerable people !!!</p>	<p>Hi Julie, thanks for the question. Under the Withdrawal Agreement, access to benefits will continue as now. The same is true for EU nationals in the UK in a no deal scenario and we are looking to the French to make the same guarantee to UK nationals in France - they have been taking through legislation to enable them to take this kind of decision. Hope this provides some reassurance.</p>
<p>The requirement for the CDS is to provide many documents providing proof of residency, over the past 5 years. How are we supposed to do this when most companies (Utilities / banks etc) all do online statements and these are not being accepted as proof?</p>	<p>Hi Alexander. Sorry to hear of this difficulty. There is a definitive list of the required documents on the French Government website https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110. We have not heard of any problem with online statements not being accepted. If you have time it would be helpful to know which prefecture is taking a different view so we can feed that back to the French. You can do that here: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris</p>
<p>Dear British Embassy in Paris. An hour is not enough! But thanks for the opportunity to ask questions as this is the first time I have had to voice my concerns anywhere. TY</p>	<p>Thanks Susan! We'll be doing several Live Q&As over the coming months so if there are more questions, do come back to us at one of those. That's in addition to our outreach meetings around the country. Hope to meet you at one of those!</p>
<p>I have a CDI and am eligible to apply for a Carte de Sejour, but my employer is not providing me with the Cerfa 65-0056. I requested it at the end of September, but they are holding off completing it, saying they need to look into it more. Are they legally obliged to supply this document? How do I get them to respond?</p>	<p>Hi Zoe, thanks for your question. It is difficult to comment without knowing the background to why your employer wants to look into this. However, our understanding is that your employer can either provide the Cerfa 65-006 or an attestation d'emploi. This may be worth flagging in case your employer would feel more comfortable providing an attestation. You may also want to suggest that they speak to the Prefecture directly with any questions. It doesn't sound like this is about Brexit but if they are mentioning that you should be clear that it makes no difference to your contractual situation or their obligations to you.</p>

<p>The meeting at Dijon was very good and much appreciated by we Brits who attended. It was clearly stated that if we were here and registered and had a Carte de Sejour we risked nothing. We met with our local deputy and were further assured. As long as we are registered for taxes etc. we will be OK. It is future generations who are going to suffer.</p>	<p>Hi Michael. Thanks for the feedback about our event in Dijon. Very glad you found it useful. Thanks also for your comments on the carte de sejour.</p>
<p>France is going to introduce higher fees for international students (non EU students) ~ will British students in French universities need to pay home student fee or international fee in September 2019?</p>	<p>Hi Angie, thanks for your question! Assuming you live in France you will be eligible for support on a similar basis to domestic students under the Withdrawal Agreement, which suggests you would pay home fees. We do not yet know the approach the French will take in a no-deal scenario.</p>
<p>Good afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to answer questions.</p> <p>I work in France and reside there for months each year. I am in the process of applying for a EU work Carte Sejour. Have all the relevant information required if granted. I will then look to obtain a French Driving Licence in order to negate a IDP. Can you advise please if I obtain a French Driving License does my extant UK Licence still remain valid for my return to the UK?. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hi Paul. I'm afraid we can't provide full clarity on this point today because the treatment of driving licences will depend on the future negotiations. This is because we want to maintain the safe flow of goods and people by road, and driving licences are part of these considerations. Here is the current information available on driving licences from the French authorities: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Permis-de-conduire</p>
<p>I have lived in France for 20 years, will I still be able to have my prior UK pension rights recognized here retirement age to</p>	<p>Hi Vicky, thanks for the question. For those covered by the Withdrawal Agreement - and it sounds like you certainly should be - your pension rights will indeed be protected. We</p>

<p>count towards my trimesters taken into account under the French system ?</p>	<p>want to do the same thing in the event of a no deal and are exploring that with the French. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>I have just volunteered to go to the préfecture for à permanent CdS, with someone whose husband has dementia. They have lived here for more than 20 years and are fully signed up to the system. Interviews in our préfecture are long. Mine was 2 hours. The husband will not sit still for this. Can the interview be done without him being there ?</p>	<p>Hi Carole, thanks for this question, that's a really kind offer from you to help a friend. Each prefecture manages how they actually receive applications so you would need to speak to them directly. It may be possible to send the application by post, for example, and just go to the prefecture to give the fingerprints, which should not take long. If there looks like being a problem do get in touch at www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris Hope that helps and good luck.</p>
<p>After 30th March when Britain is likely to be a non-EU country and UK citizens need to reapply for the CDS will we be expected to pay the processing fee?</p> <p>What measures are the UK government taking to ensure its citizens are not financially punished for this chaos?</p>	<p>Hi Alexander. The French have not yet said how much they will charge for the new system, but the Withdrawal Agreement commits them to keep it simple and reasonable. We will be monitoring this point closely.</p>
<p>I have lived in France since 1988 and have a Carte de Séjour permanent which was delivered in December 2003. Do I have to apply for a new one or will it still be considered 'Permanent'?</p>	<p>Thanks for the question, Jane. If the card has expired you could choose to apply for a new one but are not obliged to. You will have to replace it with a new system after Brexit - either from March in a no-deal scenario or before July 2021 in a deal scenario. More information available here: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour and you can also stay up to date at https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france. Hope this helps.</p>
	<p>Hi Lesley, thanks for re-posting your question. Apologies for not responding more quickly - we're going through all the questions as rapidly as possible but of course want to make sure our answers are accurate and comprehensive before posting them. We've now responded to your first post - hope that helps!</p>

<p>Hello, I am a qualified teacher, with the French entrance exam. Will my status change with Brexit ?</p>	<p>Hi Janet, thanks for your question. The answer is no - your status should not change with Brexit. There is currently a Bill going through the French Parliament which addresses their approach to UK national fonctionnaires after Brexit. We have worked with French MPs to ensure that the current Bill reflects that the status of French fonctionnaires will not change. We have made the same promise to French civil servants in the UK.</p>
<p>People are reporting many problems getting the carte de sejour. Inconsistencies within and between departments. What is being done about this please?</p>	<p>Hi Shirley, thanks for asking! The Embassy teams have regular meetings with the French Authorities to flag the issues raised to us. The French Ministry of Interior wrote out to prefectures in March 2018 outlining the legal obligation to accept applications for EU cartes de sejour and some guidance on documents to provide, available here: http://www.dordogne.gouv.fr/content/download/26095/187530/file/S%C3%A9jour.pdf. If you have a specific difficulty with a prefecture, you can let us know through our webform: www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris. We have seen improvements where this feedback has been received.</p>
<p>There should be no requirements for CDs if as Mrs May says people will be able to carry in with their life's unchanged after Brexit! This process has caused nothing but massive worries over the last 2 years. It is morally unacceptable after 40 odd years to treat expats as it certainly looks like as collateral damage!</p>	<p>Hi Andrea. Thanks for your message and we do of course understand your concerns. There are obviously a lot of different views on the best way forward but the British Government is working to get the Withdrawal Agreement over the line so that the referendum result is honoured and to address uncertainty around citizens' rights. On the point about resources, both the UK and French Governments are clear they want people to stay. In the UK we are not requiring proof of income and we are pushing for more clarity, and consistent application across prefectures, from the French who say</p>

<p>There are so many in France some of which have been here for years that live a self sufficient life never having state aid that unfortunately will not qualify in income for a CDS. The people affected most have had no say in the matter on the 15 year rule!</p> <p>On top of this a xenophobic attitude is growing massively in the U.K. along with rumblings in Ireland of which I have been told will explode by Irish that have voiced this.</p> <p>It is a bloody mess of which the best way forward would be to annul article 50 on the proviso that the EU reforms including the whole of the EU to structure an immigrant plan otherwise if nothing changes then it will be eellike day in 5 years.</p>	<p>they are not intending people to have to leave. If you hear of anyone being found to not meet income thresholds then do please get in touch with us at www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-paris.</p>
<p>I emailed you a while back to get advice and never had a reply beyond the standard automated list of content / links.</p> <p>I am a dual British / French National living in France with my French husband and I am very concerned about what his rights will be post Brexit should we move back to the UK - specifically my husband's rights as a French citizen arriving post Brexit (and likely post the transition phase).</p> <p>Some context (I'm not sure if this helps or is relevant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- my husband lived, worked & paid taxes in the UK for just under 20yrs before we moved to France- he is married to a British wife and has two British children- he owns property in the UK (jointly with me) <p>What will his rights be if we decided to move back in the future? Would he have the right to live and work in the UK or would he need to apply for a visa? Would there be a minimum threshold of income required?</p>	<p>Hi Kate, many thanks for the question. Your husband could be eligible for UK residence, given the time spent there, though this will depend partly on how long ago he left. If he is not eligible, and you decide to move back to the UK after the transition period (as you suggest), then your husband may have to meet the rules about accompanying you – and your relationship would of course count towards that. Sorry not to have a definitive answer today.</p>

<p>We have been living in France for 42 years so are in the system for health, pensions, impots. We receive a state pension from the U.K., paid directly into our bank here. How will Brexit affect this?</p>	<p>Hi Gwen, thanks for your question. We have already agreed to continue to pay state pensions into French accounts under the Withdrawal Agreement in a deal scenario and have been clear that this is also our intention in a no deal scenario subject to agreement from the French. Hope that helps.</p>
<p>My concern: for ourselves as well as any British national who finds themselves in a similar predicament, is that</p> <p>my husband who is aged 88: has Parkinson's disease. with lewybody dementia and now cancer of the oesophagus. Hence: although I have inherited a house in the following a death in my family there: he would not be able to travel back to the UK if health care cover is withdrawn and pensions: paid to us here in France.</p> <p>Government did issue assurances this would continue. but the French government has yet to agree and</p> <p>give us our cover and pensions are withdrawn. and he cannot travel. what do we do 2?</p>	<p>Hi Sandra, thanks for taking the time to send in this question. If the Withdrawal Agreement is ratified, reciprocal healthcare cover including payment of the uprated UK state pension to UK nationals in the EU will continue. In the event of a no deal, we are seeking bilateral agreements to maintain peoples' healthcare rights and that is a top priority for us. Both we and the French have passed legislation to allow this to happen so we now need them to confirm how it will work.</p>
<p>Hi been here 28 years Do we really need it and until when can we apply....</p>	<p>Thanks for the question, Sonia. It is currently optional, and sounds like you would qualify for permanent residency. The French advice is to get a carte de sejour to show that you are legally resident here, but it is your choice on whether you want to wait for more details on the future system which will come into effect after Brexit. Do check out the French website on the future registration system, for which it will be compulsory to apply: https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/Le-ministere-de-l-Interieur-se-prepare-au-Brexit/Sejour. We have produced an informal translation here https://www.gov.uk/world/living-in-france</p>

