

Q&A – COPENHAGEN INFORMATION EVENT 26 SEPTEMBER

The UK Government is working hard to get a deal. However, most of the discussion focussed on the actions you need to take to prepare for a situation where the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The information below therefore applies to a no deal scenario.

RESIDENCY

- What do I need to do in order to prove my right of residence in Denmark?
 - o You should register as a resident in Denmark before exit day. If you do not possess an EU registration certificate or EU residence card, you should apply for such document through the [Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration](#). If you have lost the document, you should contact the agency to get a new one.
- How long can I stay outside Denmark without losing my right of residence?
 - o If you have a right of *temporary residence*, you can lose that right if you no longer fulfil the conditions. Depending on the circumstances, you can stay outside Denmark for up to 6 months per year, or for 12 consecutive months for important reasons, without losing your right of residence. If you have a right of *permanent residence*, you can stay outside Denmark for up to two consecutive years. You are, however, advised to always contact the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration before you leave the country for a longer period for individual advice.
- Can I count time spent working for an international organisation towards settled status (right of permanent residence)?
 - o Yes, as long as you can prove that you have been living in Denmark as a worker (or with another status fulfilling the conditions of the EU residence order). Proof of right of permanent residence is issued by the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration. This also applies if you are currently registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You are advised to contact the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration.
- I have an old permanent residence card issued in the 1970s, will it still be valid?
 - o Yes, the Ministry of Immigration and Integration has notified the Commission that all registration certificates and residence cards issued in accordance with EU rules on free movement will serve as proof of right of residence in Denmark. An overview of the different types of EU residence

documents is available here: <https://uim.dk/filer/brexit/brexit-updated-notification-under-sbc-article-39.pdf>.

- How long do I need to reside in Denmark in order to be eligible to apply for permanent residency?
- o UK nationals and their family members resident in Denmark by exit day will continue to be able to apply for permanent residency in accordance with the EU Residence Order, i.e. they will continue to be subject to the 5-year residency requirement.

WORK

- I am a frontier worker, who lives in Sweden and works in Denmark. How do I prove my right to work in Denmark?
- o An employment agreement/contract can serve as proof of your right to work in Denmark.

HEALTHCARE

- Do I have access to healthcare when visiting other EU member states and the UK?
- o EU member states: In the event of no deal, your UK-issued EHIC would no longer be valid. If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, your EHIC (blue card) issued in Denmark may not be valid. Contact Udbetaling Danmark to find out if your card is valid. It is recommended to take out comprehensive travel insurance before travelling. The UK: You can access NHS emergency care when visiting the UK. To get free NHS secondary healthcare you need to be "ordinarily resident" in the UK.

TRAVELLING

- Will I still be able to use the E-gates in Denmark when I travel?
- o No, UK nationals will no longer be able to use the E-gates after Brexit. You will need to go to the "All Passports" lane. Your passport will be stamped when crossing Schengen's external borders. You can travel in the Schengen area 90 days in any 180 day period visa free, as part of the Schengen visa-waiver agreement.
- How do I prove my right of residence in Denmark when travelling?
- o In order to prove your right of residence in Denmark, you should bring your passport and original EU residence document with you when travelling.

For further information:

- Living in Denmark guide: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-denmark>

- The Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration: <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB>

- The Ministry of Immigration and Integration: <https://uim.dk/brexit/brexit-how-does-it-affect-you-as-a-british-citizen-living-in-denmark>

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