

EU citizens visiting/coming to the UK – No deal Brexit

This information is meant for guidance only. You should consider whether you need separate professional advice before making specific preparations.

Once free movement has ended from 30 March 2019, EU citizens and their family members arriving in the UK will be admitted under UK immigration rules and will require permission (leave to enter or remain).

Temporary transitional arrangements will apply from 30 March 2019 until 31 December 2020 to provide some continuity for EU citizens and businesses in the UK.

Energy UK members will likely be affected by the new migration rules. This will be the case for EU citizens based in the EU travelling to the UK for business.

For UK citizens based in the UK travelling to the EU for business, the EU has also published some rules similar to the UK ones.

Things to consider

Government will not ask employers to start distinguishing between EU citizens who were resident before exit and post-exit arrivals until 31 December 2020.

Once the new immigration system is introduced from 2021, employers will need to check EU citizens' status using the Home Office's Digital Status Checker, but not retrospectively.

<p>Visits of less than three months</p>	<p>Arrangements for business visitors will not look any different.</p> <p>EU citizens coming for short visits will be able to enter the UK as they do now, and stay for up to three months from each entry without a visa by showing either a valid national identity card or a passport.</p> <p>Security checks will be the same as now, but the UK deportation threshold will be applied in the case of criminality and conduct committed after the UK's exit.</p>
<p>Stays of more than three months</p>	<p>EU citizens wishing to stay longer than three months will need to apply to the Home Office for leave to remain within three months of arrival.</p> <p>Subject to security checks, leave to remain will be granted for 36 months which will include permission to work and study.</p> <p>Those who wish to stay longer-term will need to apply under the future border and immigration system arrangements.</p> <p>The initial 3 months' leave to enter for EU citizens will be free of charge, but otherwise application fees will be payable.</p>

Irish citizens	Irish citizens will continue to have the right to enter and live in the UK, as now, under domestic Common Travel Area arrangements.
UK business trips to the EU	<p>The EU's information published by the EU in November 2018 proposes that UK citizens would not need a visa when travelling to the Schengen area for short stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period.</p> <p>This proposal is conditional upon the UK granting reciprocal and non-discriminatory visa-free travel for all EU Member States and does not make any distinction between leisure and business.</p>

Relevant documents/information

[Immigration from 30 March 2019 if there is no deal](#)

[Brexit preparedness: European Commission proposes visa-free travel to the EU for UK nationals in a no deal scenario – if the UK also grants reciprocal visa-free travel to all EU citizens](#)

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