



British Embassy  
Berlin

# Information on Citizens' Rights

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## ➤ For information on how the UK leaving the EU could affect you

- ✓ **Consult** our guide for UK Nationals living in or moving to Germany, which will continue to be updated

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany>



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## ➤ If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, check overleaf for practical steps you can take now



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[www.gov.uk/world/Germany](https://www.gov.uk/world/Germany)



	<p><b>RESIDENCY</b></p> <p>UK nationals living in Germany should ensure that they are <b>correctly registered as resident with their local Einwohnermeldeamt</b> before the UK leaves the EU. After the UK has left the EU, UK nationals, irrespective of whether they have in the past been issued with an “unbefristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis”, will require a <b>new residence permit</b> to continue living in Germany.</p> <p><b>See our guidance:</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/germany-residence-information-after-eu-exit/foreigners-authorities-in-germany</a></p> 
	<p><b>PASSPORTS</b></p> <p>Adult and child passports should have <b>at least 6 months remaining from your date of travel</b>. If you renewed your passport early, extra months would have been added to your new passport. These extra months will not count towards this, so some passport holders will need to have more than 6 months remaining in order to travel.</p> <p><b>Use this tool to check</b> your passport is valid before booking travel: <a href="https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport">https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport</a></p> 
	<p><b>HEALTH</b></p> <p>If you are working in Germany and paying German social security contributions, your healthcare via a German health insurance organisation (Krankenkasse) will not be affected by the UK's exit from the EU.</p> <p>If your health insurance is currently provided by the UK government with an <b>S1 form</b>, it may no longer be recognised if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. In this case you would be required to join a German Krankenkasse within three months.</p> <p>The <b>European Health Insurance Card</b> might no longer be valid in Germany if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. Visitors to Germany should therefore ensure that they have comprehensive travel insurance before travelling.</p> <p><b>Students</b> should make sure they have appropriate health insurance.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#healthcare">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#healthcare</a></p> 
	<p><b>DRIVING</b></p> <p>UK nationals resident in Germany should <b>exchange their UK drivers licence for a German driving licence within 6 months of the UK leaving the EU</b>. Your local Bürgeramt will be able to advise on where you must go to do this. You will be allowed to drive on your German licence when visiting the UK. An International Driving Permit is not a suitable alternative to exchanging your licence.</p> <p>Visitors to Germany will be allowed to drive on their UK photocard driving licence. UK paper driving licences will not be recognised.</p>
	<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>If you hold UK professional qualifications you may need to get them recognized in Germany before exit day.</p> <p><b>Find out how to do this</b> at <a href="http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de">www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de</a></p> 

Do you have further questions on how the UK leaving the EU will affect you?

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