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**IMPORTANT:** Information correct upon publication.

Ensure you have the latest information by checking the Living in Germany guide.

# Information on Citizens' Rights in Germany after Brexit

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## ➤ For information on how Brexit could affect you

- ✓ **Consult** the British Embassy's guide for UK nationals living in or moving to Germany

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- **Check overleaf for practical steps you can take in preparation for Brexit**



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	<p><b>RESIDENCY</b></p> <p>UK nationals living in Germany should ensure that they are <b>correctly registered with their local <i>Einwohnermeldeamt</i></b>.</p> <p>After Brexit, UK nationals, irrespective of whether they have in the past been issued with an “<i>unbefristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis</i>”, will have to <b>apply to their local Foreigners Authority (<i>Ausländerbehörde</i>) for a 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>If you want to travel to other EU countries after Brexit, adult and child passports <b>should be valid for at least 6 months from your date of travel</b>. Before you book travel, use this tool to check that your passport is valid: <a href="https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport">https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport</a></p> <p>Additionally, German Foreigners Authorities have advised that residence permits will need to be renewed every time you renew your passport.</p> 
	<p><b>HEALTHCARE</b></p> <p>If you are working in Germany and paying German social security contributions, your healthcare via a German health insurance company (<i>Krankenkasse</i>) will not be affected by Brexit.</p> <p>If the UK leaves the EU without a deal and your healthcare is currently provided for by the UK government via a <b>S1 form</b>, this form may no longer be recognised after Brexit. In this case, you would be required to join a German <i>Krankenkasse</i> within 3 months of exit day.</p> <p>If there's a no-deal Brexit, UK-issued <b>European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC)</b> might no longer be recognised in Germany. Students should join a German health insurer within 3 months or contract private insurance.</p> 
	<p><b>DRIVING</b></p> <p>UK nationals resident in Germany should <b>exchange their UK driving licence for a German driving licence before Brexit</b>.</p> <p>Your local <i>Bürgeramt</i> will be able to advise on where 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><b>PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS</b></p> <p>If you hold UK professional qualifications you should get them recognised in Germany before Brexit.</p> <p><b>Find out how to do this</b> at <a href="https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/">https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/</a></p> 

More information on how Brexit could affect you, including your access to pensions and benefits, can be found on our Living in Germany guide <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany>

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