

Brexit Conference 2

Visiting France after 31.12.20

Transition Period Recap

- Applies until 31.12.20
- No changes to residence rights
- No changes to freedom of movement of people or goods/services
- UK no longer participates in EU political decision-making
- UK citizens may no longer hold political office in certain EU27 states, including France
- UK citizens may no longer vote in EU elections or local elections in certain EU27 states, including France

Visting France (and the EU) after 31/12/20 (British with no CdS)

- You will be treated as a non-EU national (even if you own property)
- Subject to Schengen Visa arrangements
- You can apply for other types of Visa
- Situation may change if there is a deal or bilateral agreement but unlikely
- EHIC card no longer valid, you must therefore have adequate medical travel insurance.

Schengen Visa

- You can spend up to 90 days out of every 180 in the EU
- Must return to a non-EU country after 90 days e.g. UK
- Can do numerous shorter trips but must not exceed 90 total days in 180. Note 90 days start from arrival at an EU port of entry (e.g. Calais) not arrival at your destination, and you need to return to your departure port on or before the 90 days expire.
- An App is available to monitor visits for frequent travellers
- 26 countries in Schengen area including most EU, Switzerland and Norway but not Ireland (covered by Common Travel Area)

ETIAS (European Travel Information & Authorisation System)

- Likely to apply to UK Citizens from late 2022
- Requires completion of online application and payment of fee before departure
- May depend on reciprocity between UK and EU

Longer-term Visas

- Longer stay visas can be applied for – 4 to 12 months
 - Extended tourism
 - Professional activity
 - Education
 - Join family members
- Must apply before you travel to France
- Extensive paperwork and cost
- Must have sufficient financial resources and health insurance

New Passport Rules

- You'll need to have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).
- If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.
- <https://www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-travel-europe-1-january-2021>

Driving in France

- You will need an Insurance Green Card
- You may need an International Driving Permit
- Note There are different types of IDP for different EU countries. If you intend to visit Spain, you will need a different IDP from that for France.

Travelling with Pets

- EU Pet Passport will no longer be valid
- Rules will depend on whether UK is “listed” or “unlisted”
- If “unlisted”, you will need at least 4 months to prepare your pet for travel
- Rules on multiple visits are unclear

Any questions?