Information on Citizens’ Rights

➢ For information on how the UK leaving the EU could affect you

✓ Consult our guide for UK nationals living in or moving to Germany
  https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany

✓ Stay up to date by signing up for email alerts
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➢ Check overleaf for practical steps you can take in preparation for the UK leaving the EU

www.gov.uk/world/Germany
### RESIDENCY
UK nationals living in Germany should ensure that they are **correctly registered with their local Einwohnermeldeamt.**

After Brexit, UK nationals, irrespective of whether they have in the past been issued with an ‘unbefristete Aufenthaltserlaubnis’, will have to **apply to their local Ausländerbehörde for a new residence permit** to continue living in Germany.


### PASSPORTS
If you want to travel to other EU countries after exit day, adult and child passports **should be valid for at least 6 months from your date of travel.**

Before you book travel, use this tool to check that your passport is valid: [https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport](https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport)

Additionally, German Foreigners’ Authorities have advised that residence permits will need to be renewed every time you renew your passport.

### HEALTHCARE
If you are working in Germany and paying German social security contributions, your healthcare via a German health insurance company (*Krankenkasse*) will not be affected by Brexit.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal and your healthcare is currently provided for by the UK government via a **S1 form**, this form may no longer be recognised after Brexit. In this case, you would be required to join a German *Krankenkasse* within 3 months of exit day.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, UK-issued **European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC)** might no longer be recognised in Germany. Students should join a German health insurer within 3 months or contract private insurance.

If you have any further questions, please email us at healthcare.germany@fco.gov.uk

### DRIVING
UK nationals resident in Germany should **exchange their UK driving licence for a German driving licence before Brexit.**

Your local *Bürgeramt* 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.

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
If you hold UK professional qualifications you should get them recognised in Germany before Brexit.

**Find out how to do this** at [https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/](https://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/)

More information on how Brexit could affect you, including pensions and benefits, can be found on our Living in Germany guide [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany)

If you have any further questions, please contact us on [www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin](http://www.gov.uk/contact-consulate-berlin)