

POST BREXIT TRAVEL GUIDE

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HOW HAS TRAVEL CHANGED?

As a result of Brexit, free movement of people between the EU and UK has come to an end and there are new rules for business trips and holidays for British passport holders. However, Post Brexit travel is different for people born in Northern Ireland.

Travel between NI and ROI

The [Common Travel Area](#) between Ireland and the UK is not reliant on the membership of the EU, which means living, working and travelling in Ireland or the UK isn't going to change.

There are no requirements for passport controls in operation for Irish and British citizens travelling within the Common Travel Area i.e. between Ireland and the UK, and there will be no change to this because of Brexit. However, as regular passengers would be aware, all air and sea carriers require some form of identification and some carriers regard a passport as the only valid identification.

As a result of this people will still be able to travel freely between Northern Ireland, the UK and the Republic of Ireland.





TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

NI Citizens

People born in Northern Ireland have the right to hold an Irish passport as well as British passport, which means those who exercise their rights to an Irish passport will retain their EU citizenship.

Those travelling to and from Northern Ireland with an Irish passport will be able to use the EU/EEA lanes and e-gates at airports and drive without an international driving permit in the EU.

UK Citizens

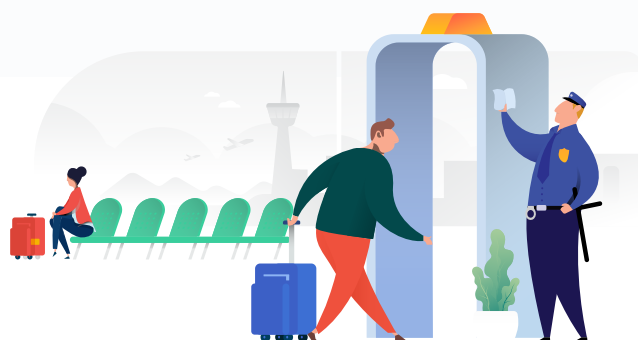
2021

British passport holders will no longer be able to use the EU passport queue at airports and other borders. If they plan to drive whilst on their business trip many EU countries will require an international driving permit. The new rules allow UK citizens to stay in the EU for up to 90 days at a time in any 180-day period without a visa and the same rule will apply for EU citizens in the UK.

2022

UK citizens will need a [ETIAS visa waiver](#) to be able to visit the Schengen Area of the EU. An approved ETIAS will be valid for up to three years or until the passport expires. You will have to pay a small fee to apply for it and this will allow you to stay for up to 90 days within any 180-day period.

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is still valid for now, but the UK will eventually provide its own version of the card called the UK Global Health Insurance Card. This new card will cover existing or chronic illnesses, routine maternity care and emergencies.





CORPORATE TRAVEL

If the purpose of the business trip meets the temporary visitor criteria, business travellers will not need to obtain a visa in advance. These include:

- Attending meetings or conferences
- Delivering training
- Attending trade fairs and exhibitions
- Activities around sales and purchasing of goods

The 90 days in any 180-day rolling period rule still applies and it is recommended that business travellers retain spreadsheet evidence of entry and exit to avoid problems at the border. Other business traveller information [can be found here](#).

This will apply to British citizens who wish to carry out similar business activities in the EU bloc. However British citizens should [check the entry requirements and rules of the country](#) they're visiting prior to travelling.

Businesses must be aware of whether their business activities will be impacted by any of these measures at an early stage to avoid delays to their business trip.





INTRA-CORPORATE TRAVEL

In respect of the UK/EU intra-corporate activities the trade deal provides some relief to businesses who fall within the same company group.

This allows employees to be transferred without the need for a work permit in advance. However, this opportunity is only limited to those who fit the criteria of a manager, specialist and trainee and those who meet the rules on length of service within the EU entity.

Those who do not meet the requirements would need to obtain visas under the UK's points-based system for the transfer to proceed.





STUDYING ABROAD

NI Universities

Students at Northern Ireland's universities will still be able to take part in Erasmus student exchange programme as the Irish government is offering those students funding and administrative assistance. This funding will be available to all full-time students and will not be limited to those with an Irish passport, meaning British passport holders will also qualify for the funding. Funding will be available to all full-time students attending third level institutions in Northern Ireland.

UK Universities

The UK will no longer take part in the Erasmus exchange programme as a result of Brexit. The UK joined the Erasmus exchange programme in 1987 and allowed students to study and work across Europe. This programme will be replaced by a worldwide scheme named after Bletchley Park code breaker Alan Turing. The new UK scheme for students called the 'Turning scheme' will not limit students to the EU, but will give them the opportunity to go to some of the best universities in the world. Further details of the scheme are still to be revealed





VISA REQUIREMENTS

British passport holders will be able to travel without a visa for the duration of 2021 and may only stay for up to 90 days at a time within any 180 day period.

However, from 2022 they will require an approved ETIAS visa waiver to be able to visit the Schengen Area of the EU.

The ETIAS will be valid for up to three years or until the passport expires. You will have to pay a small fee to apply for it and this will allow you to stay for up to 90 days within any 180-day period.



PASSPORTS

Please make sure your Passports are valid a minimum of 6 months post your stay and double check, as it could be a lengthy process in renewing your about-to-expire passport.



INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS PERMIT

As a result of Brexit, British Passport holders must purchase an international drivers permit for a small fee to be able to drive whilst in the EU.





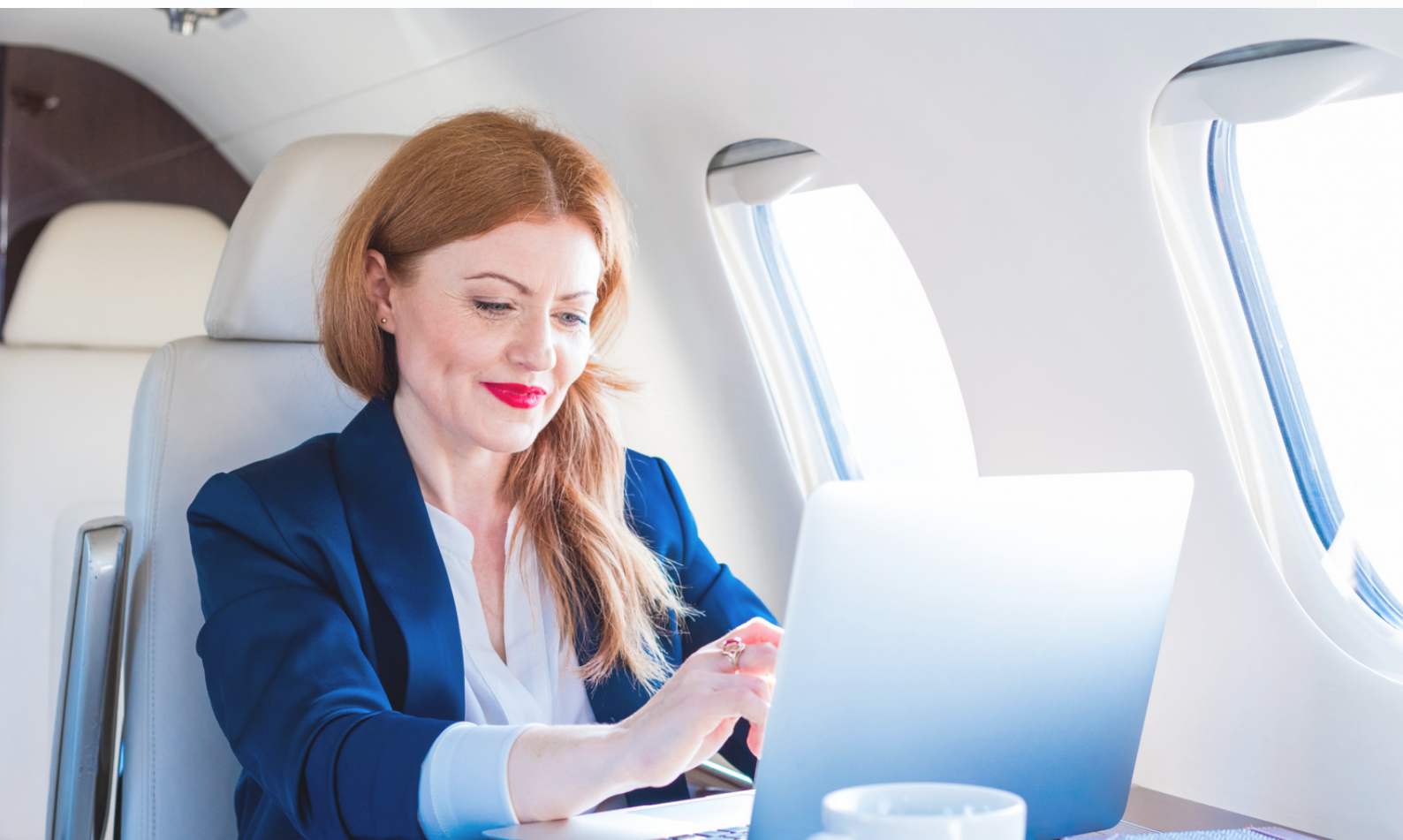
SECURITY/ CUSTOM CHECKS

UK passport holders use special passport control queues (instead of the standard EU member passport control). This could result in lengthy delays at airports.



HEALTH CARDS

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Whilst there are many changes to consider before travelling Post Brexit, we are here to help support and guide you through the process.

Choose Selective Travel Management to take care of all your business travel needs and avoid any delays or obstacles Brexit may cause.

