

SELECTIVE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT TALKS **BREXIT**

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Whether we like it or not, Brexit is happening and come the 31st October 2019, how we currently travel throughout Europe will change. At Selective Travel Management we have looked at some of the potential areas that may be impacted, which may add additional costs and stress of what was once a simple process.

Post Brexit, all flights, ferries, Eurostar/Eurotunnel services and bus/coach services will continue to operate as normal between the UK and EU.

We will continue to update these pages and provide further “alerts” to keep all Travellers suitably informed. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your Account Manager.





FLYING DURING BREXIT

It has been confirmed by the UK Government that all UK based airlines will be able to continue flights to EU destinations until at least October 2020 regardless of what happens with Brexit over the next few months.

This has been extended from the original date of March 2020, in the previous few weeks. A reciprocal statement has been issued by the EU providing further assurances that whatever the outcome of Brexit, travellers can continue to book business trips with confidence.



PASSPORTS

EU Member States could insist that UK passport holders require a visa to enter that country. It could also be a requirement that you will need at least six months validity remaining on your passport. This is normally based on the date of arrival in that country, rather than simply the duration of your stay.

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.





EUROPEAN NATIONALS VISITING/DEPARTING THE UK AFTER BREXIT

If the UK leaves the EU with a deal

If the UK leaves the EU with a deal, what you'll need to enter the UK will not change until 2021.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal

Irish citizens will be able to enter, work and study in the UK without a visa as they can now.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens will be able to enter the UK as they do now after 31 October 2019.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens will also be able to live, work and study in the UK as they do now until 31 December 2020.

Staying in the UK after 31 December 2020

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to stay in the UK after 31 December 2020 if they arrive in the UK before the UK leaves the EU.

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens can apply for European temporary leave to remain to stay in the UK after 31 December 2020 if they arrive in the UK after the UK leaves the EU. The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020.





SCHOOL TRAVELLERS ENTERING THE UK

If the UK leaves the EU with a deal

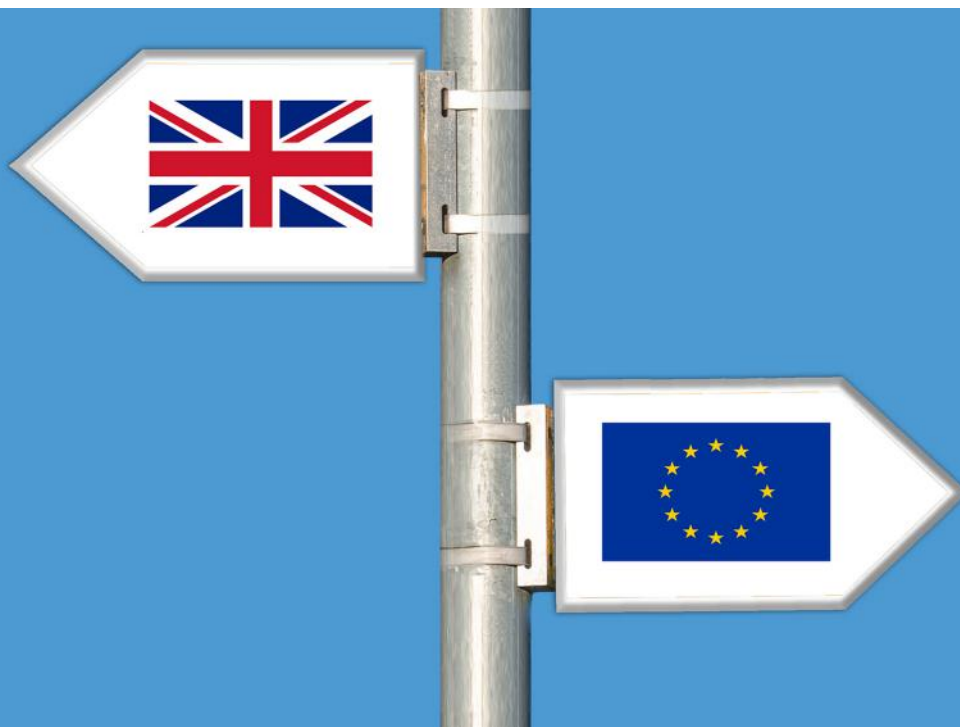
Pupils from third countries who are resident in the EU, EEA and Switzerland will continue to be able to travel to the UK under the List of Travellers scheme until at least 2021.

What pupils need to show at the border will not change. Pupils with their own travel document must be included on the List of Travellers form. Pupils without their own travel document must also have photographic ID or a recent photograph attached to the List of Travellers form.

To be acceptable as a travel document, the form must also be authenticated by the responsible authority in the appropriate member state to confirm the pupil's residence status and their right to re-entry.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal

As per guidance from the UK Government, the List of Travellers scheme will not end immediately but may be phased out during 2020. More details will be provided by UK Government shortly (updated September 2019)





WORKFORCE

The free movement of people within the EU has been a fundamental principle of the EU; however this may be impacted post Brexit. Under the UK Government's current plan, all EU citizens who have lived in the UK for over five years by the end of December 2020 will be allowed to seek "settled status". However, in the event of a no-deal exit only EU citizens who lived in Britain before 31st October 2019— Brexit day — would be able to apply. Either way this could have a major impact on not only your workforce but as an example the workforce of UK Airlines. In any eventuality we are seeking assurances from all our suppliers that they are suitably resourced and will continue operating as normal.





ADDITIONAL SECURITY/ CUSTOM CHECKS

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



INSURANCE

Your Travel Insurance Policy may also be impacted by Brexit and it would be prudent for you to check with your current provider as to their plans to continuing providing you with cover if travelling through Europe





HEALTH CARDS

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) provides access to state provided healthcare during a temporary stay, providing medically necessary treatments free or at a reduced price. The current UK Government has said it wants both UK and EU citizens to be able to continue using the EHIC scheme after Brexit, but this has yet to be agreed. Should the scheme not be agreed, all travellers will be required to purchase additional insurance to cover any medical emergency.



DRIVERS LICENCE

According to The Department of Transport, British drivers will potentially need to apply for an International Driving Permit (IDP). While these permits are cheap, it does add an additional layer of paperwork and planning (time) to obtain. They can be obtained from most Post Offices and are valid for one year, but it is an additional document to remember to both pack and also to renew.





COMPENSATION ON DELAYED FLIGHTS

Currently UK Travellers benefit from EU rule 261/2004, which basically provides compensation for delayed flights. This could be anything between £110 and £540 per passenger. Once we leave the EU, we may no longer be able to apply for this compensation.



EU DATA ROAMING CHARGES

In 2017, all EU roaming charges were abolished and while not a “major” cost implication; once we leave the EU we will no longer qualify for reduced EU Roaming charges and will be subject to the charges as levied by each individual mobile network.





DEVALUE/STRENGTHENING STERLING

Devalue of Sterling would mean everything in EU costs more, thus travel budgets not going as far. Adversely if the financial markets react positively, we could see the strength of Sterling, meaning that it becomes far more cost effective to travel throughout Europe.



TAXES

The EU seems to be moving forward with plans to charge travellers coming from countries outside the single market a €7 “travel authorisation fee” – similar to the USA ESTA.

Details of how/if/when or even the cost implications if any of the above will be applied or implemented are few and far at the moment, but what we can say for sure is that travel in 2019 will not be quite like it once was. We are monitoring all news channels and Government updates and will keep all clients regularly updated as to any formal changes.

