



Guidance after Brexit



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UK citizens in Spain: guidance after Brexit

The start of 2021 meant the end of the Transition Period for Brexit. If you are a UK national resident in Spain, in this Newsletter you can find useful information about several issues, collected from official sources.

[Click here](#) to read the complete guide "Questions for UK Nationals and their family members residing in Spain", updated 30 December 2020 by the Spanish Government.



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1. The Withdrawal Agreement

If you were legally a resident in Spain before 1st January 2021, your rights will be protected by the Withdrawal Agreement and you will be able to stay in Spain.



[Click here](#) to find out what UK nationals need to know about the citizens' rights.

2. Visas and residency

If you registered as a resident before 6 July 2020, you will have a green A4 certificate or credit card-sized piece of paper from Extranjeria or the police. This is still a valid document and proves your rights under the Withdrawal Agreement. You can exchange your paper EU residence document for the new TIE but you are not required to.

[Click here](#) to consult the informative note of the Spanish Government about the valid residency documents in Spain (after Brexit).



If you are registered as a resident for the first time between 6 July 2020 and 31 December 2020, you will be issued with a biometric residence card called a Tarjeta de Identidad de Extranjero (TIE). This card will prove your rights under the Withdrawal Agreement.

[Click here](#) to find information about the 2-step process to obtain your TIE.



3. Travelling from UK to Spain

As a resident in Spain

If you are travelling to Spain you should carry your residence document (the green paper EU residence certificate or the new TIE), as well as your valid passport when you travel. If you have applied but not yet received your document, you will have to carry proof you have started the registration process.

If you have not yet applied for a residence document, you should carry evidence that demonstrates you are a resident in Spain. This could include a tenancy agreement or a utility bill in your name, dating from 2020.

If you cannot show that you are a resident in Spain, you may be asked additional questions at the border to enter the Schengen area, and your passport may be stamped on entry and exit.

As a tourist

Check your passport is valid for travel before you book your trip. You must have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).

You can travel to other Schengen area countries for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa for purposes such as tourism. To stay longer than 90 days in any 180-day period, to work or study, or for business travel, you must meet the entry requirements set out by the country you are travelling to. This could mean applying for a visa or work permit.

4. Healthcare

- State healthcare: S1 form

If you have a registered S1 form and were living in Spain before 1 January 2021, your rights to access healthcare will stay the same from if you are either:

- receiving a UK State Pension
- receiving some other 'exportable benefits'
- a frontier worker who lives in Spain and commutes to work in the UK

[Click here](#) to access the guidance on using an S1 form in Spain to ensure you are correctly registered in healthcare. →



- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

If you are not an S1 holder, but are registered for public healthcare in Spain in another way and are travelling outside of Spain, you must apply for a [Tarjeta Sanitaria Europea \(TSE - a Spanish-issued EHIC\) online \(in Spanish\)](#).



If you were living in Spain before 1 January 2021, you may be eligible for a new UK-issued EHIC if you're:

- a UK student in Spain
- a UK State Pensioner with a registered S1
- a frontier worker with a registered S1

[Click here](#) to apply now for a new UK EHIC. An EHIC is not a replacement for comprehensive travel insurance. →



5. Driving in Spain

If you are already a resident in Spain and have not exchanged your UK licence for a Spanish one, your UK licence will continue to be recognised until 30 June 2021.

If you were resident in Spain before 1 January 2021 and registered your details with the DGT (Spanish Traffic Authority) before 30 December 2020, you must make an appointment with the DGT to complete the exchange of your UK licence by 30 June 2021. You will have to show proof you are registered as a resident at the appointment.

[Click here](#) to read the Spanish Traffic Authority's guidance on how to get an appointment and the documentation you must provide (use the option in the top-right hand corner to translate page to English).



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6. Working in Spain

If you were legally resident in Spain before 1 January 2021, you have the right to work, as long as you remain legally resident. If you are planning to come to Spain to work, you may need a visa or a work permit stipulated by the general immigration regime as a citizen of third countries (not EU).

[Click here](#) to read about the General Immigration Regime of Spain (only available in Spanish).



7. Money and tax

The UK has a double taxation agreement with Spain to make sure that you do not pay tax on the same income in both countries. Existing double taxation arrangements for UK nationals living in Spain have not changed.

As a Spanish resident, you must declare your global income to the Spanish authorities, no matter which country it came from. If you are not a resident, you will only pay tax on income that came from Spain.

Click here to read guidance about:

- [the tax on your UK income if you live abroad](#)
- [paying income tax in Spain](#)



8. Voting

You can vote and stand in local elections in Spain once you have been resident for 3 years. To do so, you must:

- Register on the municipal register where you live (padrón municipal).
- Formally declare your intention to vote and register on the local electoral roll.

You cannot vote in general or regional elections in Spain or European Parliamentary elections.

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You can also ask for a personal appointment in Social Services of your municipality:

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