



## Guidance

# Advice for higher education institutions in England on how to prepare for Brexit

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It is important that you plan now to [prepare for Brexit](#).

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## The EU Settlement Scheme

Inform any students or staff who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

Read the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) guidance to find out who needs to apply.

Use the [toolkit for employers](#) to help your employees.

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members who are not Irish or British citizens will need to do so.

# Staff from the EU arriving after Brexit

Read [employing EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members after Brexit](#).

## Student finance

Tell prospective and current students how they can find out if they are [eligible for student finance](#) and how they can make an application.

EU, EEA and Swiss nationals, within the EU Settlement Scheme, will stay eligible for student financial support.

Irish nationals will continue to be able to access further and higher education courses in England. This includes access to home fee status and student support, on meeting the relevant eligibility criteria.

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens starting courses in England in the 2020 to 2021 academic year or before, and their family members, will remain eligible for undergraduate and postgraduate financial support and [Advanced Learner Loans](#) for the duration of their course, if they meet the residency requirements.

We will give details of fee arrangements for prospective EU students ahead of the 2021 to 2022 academic year and subsequent years.

Students living in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) should contact their student funding body for more information.

UK nationals studying and living in the EU, EEA or Switzerland can find more information about the [rights of UK nationals](#) and [student finance arrangements in a no deal scenario](#).

## Data protection

Read [data protection for education providers](#) to find out how to remain compliant with data protection laws after Brexit.

## EU Funding

## Erasmus+

You should continue to deliver any Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) projects that are contracted.

If we leave with a deal participation in Erasmus+ will continue until 2020.

You may no longer receive EU funding for Erasmus+ and ESC projects if there's a no-deal Brexit.

Read our guidance for more information and [register to claim from the government guarantee](#).

## Horizon 2020

If you get funding from Horizon 2020, or are considering submitting a bid, you should refer to the [Horizon 2020 funding if there's no Brexit deal](#) guidance.

## Mutual recognition of professional qualifications

There will be no change for people who have received recognition of their professional qualifications on or before 31 December 2020, if the UK leaves the EU with a deal

Read the guidance on [qualified professional services](#) for information on recognising professional qualifications if there's a no-deal Brexit.

Citizens' rights agreed with the 4 European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), will apply if there's a no-deal Brexit.

These agreements include recognition of professional qualifications held by these countries' nationals and UK nationals:

- the [EEA EFTA No Deal Citizens' Rights Agreement](#) covers Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- the [Swiss citizens' rights agreement covers Switzerland](#)

## Travel to the EU

[Find information on the actions you'll need to take](#) before arranging travel to an EU destination, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

You should also follow the NHS advice on [access to healthcare for UK nationals studying or travelling abroad](#).

Check the [foreign travel advice](#) pages for the latest updates. You can also [sign up to receive email alerts](#) for the country you are travelling to.

Read the [advice for organisations, businesses and individuals in the creative, cultural, and sport sectors](#) if you are arranging travel to the EU with sports, exhibition or other equipment.

Read the guidance on [preparing to drive in the EU after Brexit for bus and coach drivers](#) if you are preparing to travel to the EU by coach.

## Study in the EU

Read the [advice for students and citizens who want to study higher education in any EU country](#) after the UK leaves the EU.

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