

After EU Exit

Information on What the Withdrawal
Agreement and Transition Period
Means for UK Nationals in Sweden

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has left the EU under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement Bill (WAB).

Under terms of the agreement, EU law will continue to apply to UK citizens residing in the EU under Freedom of Movement rules until 31 December 2020. This means that your rights to live, work, drive, travel, and receive healthcare in Sweden, and the EU, will not change during the transition period.

1. Residency

- If you became resident in Sweden before it joined the European Union (EU) in 1995 then you are here under Swedish national law, and the EU exit will not affect your residency. You will not need to take any action.
- If you are resident in Sweden under Swedish national law (you have an uppehållstillstånd) then the EU exit will not affect your residency. You will have this if you had to apply for permission through the Swedish Migration Agency categories for residency such as work, study, or moving to someone in Sweden.
- If you have lived in Sweden for five years or more under EU Freedom of Movement law, you can apply for permanent residency with the Swedish Migration Agency now.
- Under terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, EU Freedom of Movement law will continue to apply until 31 December 2020. If you are here under EU freedom of movement,

then your rights will continue during this transition period, and you can continue your life in Sweden as it is today.

- You must ensure that you are registered with Swedish authorities before the end of the transition period in order to secure your rights in Sweden

- Toward the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, you may need to take steps to ensure the continuation of your rights in Sweden. No decision has been made on this process yet. In any case, under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement you will have at least six months (until June 2021) to take any necessary actions. More information will be provided as it is made available.

- In the meantime, be sure to check your residency, and make sure you are registered with the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). You must be registered with the Swedish Tax Agency before the end of the transition period in order to retain your rights in Sweden after 31 December 2020.

2. Healthcare and EHIC Cards

Healthcare

- Healthcare in Sweden is residency based. As long as you are registered with the Swedish authorities then you will continue to receive the same access to healthcare in Sweden that you do today.
- Healthcare access will continue as long as you are legally resident in Sweden on 31 December 2020.
- If you are an S1 holder and resident in Sweden your access to healthcare will not be affected. S1 holders will continue to have access to NHS care when they return to the UK.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

- Under the terms of the agreement, UK-issued EHIC cards will continue to be accepted within the EU until 31 December 2020.

- In Sweden, EHIC cards are residency based. If you are a British citizen resident in Sweden, and have a Swedish-issued EHIC card, you can use this when you travel throughout the EU.

- You can use your Swedish-issued EHIC card in the UK until the end of the implementation period on 31 December 2020.

- You will not be able to use your Swedish-issued EHIC card in the UK after 31 December 2020. If you have a UK-issued EHIC card you will not be able to use this in Sweden or anywhere else in the EU after 31 December 2020.

3. Taxes and Pensions

- Taxation is a bilateral issue, and will not be affected by the EU exit.
- UK state pensions are contribution based and exportable globally. Under terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, current rules will continue even after the end of the implementation period on 31 December 2020. That means that your UK-based pension will continue to be uprated if you remain resident in Sweden.

4. Travel

- UK nationals who live in Sweden can continue to travel throughout the EU unimpeded for the duration of the transition period, until 31 December 2020.
- Non-EU spouses of British citizens living in Sweden will travel under the same rules as now until the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.

5. Driving licences

- During the transition period, until 31 December 2020, you may use a UK driving licence in Sweden and other EU countries, and a Swedish (or other EU) licence in the UK.
- This may change after the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020. If you are using a UK driving licence as a resident in Sweden, you should change to a Swedish driving licence before 31 December 2020.
- According to EU law you cannot have a driving licence from more than one EU country. Under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, rules on driving licences will remain unchanged until 31 December 2020. You cannot hold a valid driving licence from both the UK and Sweden at the same time.

6. Additional Information

- Your EU rights will not change until the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.
- Your rights in Sweden will remain as long as you are properly registered in Sweden at the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020. If you need to take further action, the Withdrawal Agreement requires the application process to be smooth, transparent, simple, and be either free or not cost more than applications for similar documents.
- Your residency rights in Sweden are protected under the Withdrawal agreement beyond 31 December 2020, as long as you remain resident in Sweden. These protections will not be extended if you take up residency in another EU country after 31 December 2020.
- Both Sweden and the UK allow dual citizenship

7. Contact Information

- If you have questions on how the EU exit will affect your rights as a British citizen in Sweden, please contact:

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- You should also visit the UK government website on Living in Sweden at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-sweden>

- You can call the Swedish Migration Agency at 0771-235 235, or visit their website at:

www.migrationsverket.se/English/About-the-Migration-Agency/Brexit.html

- To check your registration in Sweden please call the Swedish Tax Agency at 0771-567 567, or visit their website at:

www.skatteverket.se/privat/folkbokforing.4.18e1b10334ebe8bc800039.html#