

Information for British Citizens and their family members living in Germany up to December 31 2020 (Version: November 24 2020)

Current Information for British citizens on Brexit

The exit of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland out of the European Union went into effect on February 1 2020. In accordance with the Exit treaty British citizens are treated as if the United Kingdom was still a member state of the European Union until December 31 2020. From January 1 2021 on you can obtain a new „Aufenthaltsdokument-GB“ (Residence Document GB), for cross-border commuters the „Aufenthaltsdokument für Grenzgänger-GB“ (Residence Document for cross-border commuters). Employees (including vocational training, i.e. apprenticeships), self-employed persons, students and persons seeking employment are especially protected. Non-employed persons are protected as well if they have their own sources of income to ensure their livelihood and health insurance. German language skills are not required.

From when on do you need a new residence document?

Britons living in Germany on December 31 2020 must give notice of residence to the respective immigration authority (Ausländerbehörde) for their place of residence until **June 30 2021** to obtain the new „Aufenthaltsdokument-GB“ (Residence Document GB). **An application is not necessary.** If you are registered in Frankfurt am Main you do not have to do anything. The Ausländerbehörde Frankfurt will send you a certification document that you have fulfilled your obligation to give notice by the end of 2020 at the latest. Family members that do not have British citizenship and/or EU citizenship have time up to December 31 2021 to exchange their Residence Card for Family Members EU (Aufenthaltskarte für Familienangehörige/EU) for the „Aufenthaltsdokument-GB“ (Residence Document GB).

When and how will the process continue?

- The City of Frankfurt will send British citizens that are registered here a certificate document via postal service by the end of 2020 at the latest. You do not have to do anything to fulfil your obligation to give notice if you are officially registered in Frankfurt am Main. The City of Frankfurt already views your official registration as a notice.
- Our notice is also proof that you are further allowed to work in Germany as a normal employee as well as a self-employed person.
- You can make appointments yourself online under [Frankfurt.de/Termine/Ausländerbehörde](https://www.frankfurt.de/Termine/Auslaenderbehoerde). You will receive an appointment confirmation and further information on the documents necessary in the process.
- The first appointments can be made for the middle of January 2021.

Please do not contact us before the end of January via the contact data on our website if you have not received a certificate of notice until the end of the transition period. In this case, you must take action yourself.

What can you do in advance?

Check our website from Mid-December on to receive an appointment online for yourself and your family members (**under Frankfurt.de - "Terminservice"**). There is no need to take further steps. If you have already sent documents to us they will be included in the appointment.

Current Information

We will keep you informed on our websites (FAQ's) which are updated regularly. For further information you can also visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany> (British Consulate),

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/verfassung/europa/brexit/brexit-node.html> (German Federal Ministry of the Interior, BMI)

Your Immigration Authority Frankfurt a. M.