

IMPORTANT: Action required by 30 June 2021

UK nationals who were resident in Germany before 1 January 2021 have until 30 June 2021 to request their new residence card, which confirms their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement.

Find more information on [how to request a residence document](#).

3 top tips for UK nationals who are in the process of requesting a new residence document

1. Look out for and follow the instructions of your local Foreigners Authority. If you are waiting for an email, check your spam folder. If you are offered an appointment but can't make it, please let the Foreigners Authority know so that they can re-schedule your appointment.
2. If you are waiting for a response from your local Foreigners Authority (for example: you have filled out an online registration but not received a confirmation or information on when to expect an invitation to an appointment), you could consider following up on the status of your request in the coming weeks.
3. Don't panic! You have until 30 June to report your residence to your local Foreigners Authority. You do not need to be in possession of your residence document by this date.

Where to get advice and support?

We are pleased to announce that our [UK Nationals Support Fund](#) partners, SSAFA and IOM will continue to support UK nationals in Germany.

1. Please reach out to SSAFA and IOM if you need additional assistance requesting your new residence document.

SSAFA

Supporting UK nationals in Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westphalia

- email: ukvie.support@ssafa.org.uk
- helpline: +49 (0) 800 000 9913
- for UK-based enquiries call +44 (0) 800 193 0474
- website: <https://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

IOM

Supporting UK nationals in Berlin, Saarland, Schleswig-Holstein, Thuringa, Saxony, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saxony-Anhalt, Hesse, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Baden-Württemberg

- email: UKNationalsDE@iom.int
- helpline: +49 (0) 30 206066111
- website: <http://germany.iom.int/en/UKNSFproject>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/696302541171392

2. IOM offers private **virtual drop-in sessions** to UK nationals. Find further information and booking instructions on [IOM's Facebook page](#)
3. The British Embassy Berlin will host a [Facebook Drop-In Session](#) on 3 May 2021 from 5 pm to 6.30 pm.

2 further important actions for UK nationals in Germany

In addition to requesting a new residence document (Aufenthaltsgeschein-GB) UK nationals should:

1. Exchange your UK driving licence for a German one

If you were living in Germany before 1 January 2021, you can use your UK photocard licence to drive in Germany until 30 June 2021, provided that it remains valid in the UK. Your local Bürgeramt can advise you on how to exchange your licence. You will not be required to take a driving test to exchange your licence and you will be able to drive on your German driving licence when visiting the UK and other EU countries.

See: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#driving-in-germany>

2. Check your passport validity

UK Passport validity rules for travel to Europe have changed.

- You must have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland). This requirement does not apply if you are entering or transiting to Germany, and you are in scope of the Withdrawal Agreement. Please take your residence document with you when you travel.
- If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.

Please also note: If you are requesting a new residence document (Aufenthaltsgeschein-GB), you will need a valid UK passport. Check with your local Foreigners Authority if they have a minimum passport validity requirement.

[Check your passport is valid for travel](#) before you book and [renew your passport](#) if necessary.

Find more information at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-germany#Passports-and-travel>

Useful resources

- The [Living in Germany guide](#) – The official UK government guidance for UK nationals living in Germany. [Sign up for email alerts](#) to stay up to date.
- Our [detailed guidance on requesting a residence document](#) and [explainer video on the new residence document](#)

- These [Federal Ministry of the Interior residency FAQs](#)
- Our [explainer video on changes to international travel rules for UK nationals since 1 January 2021](#)
- Our [key facts and actions info sheet](#)
- Our booklet '[The Withdrawal Agreement: Your rights & actions you need to take](#)'
- This German Government [guidance on employment rights of UK nationals in Germany who are covered by the Withdrawal Agreement](#) (in German)
- These [FAQs from the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) (in German)
- The [Federal Employment Agency](#) hotline for UK nationals in Germany
- This [explainer video for frontier workers](#)
- The German Government's [Application Notes for the Implementation of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement](#) (German)
- Courtesy translation of the German Government's [Application Notes for the Implementation of the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement](#) (English)
- Our [Brits in Germany Facebook Page](#)