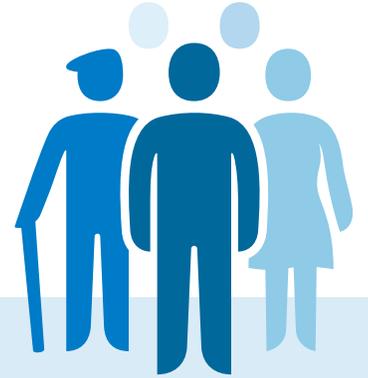


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The United Kingdom has left the European Union. On 24 December 2020 the EU and the UK reached agreement on a new partnership. This means that from **1 January 2021** new rules apply when travelling to or from the UK. The main points are set out below.



Travel

Citizens

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- Identity checks when travelling** No more free movement of persons. Identity checks when travelling to or from the UK, which may cause delays.
- Passport** From October 2021 a passport will be required when travelling to the UK. It will no longer be possible to travel with an identity card. This will not apply to frontier workers and Dutch nationals who can prove they have been living in the UK since before 2021.
- Visa** No visa required for stays in the UK of less than 6 months. A visa is usually required for longer stays. A special visa is usually required in order to work.
- Travelling with pets** EU pet passports are no longer valid in the UK. You can still take a pet with you when travelling to or from the UK, but different rules apply. Make sure that your pet is microchipped, has been vaccinated against rabies and has a valid travel document.
- Health insurance** If you travel to the UK for a short period, for example as a tourist, you are entitled to emergency healthcare there. The details still have to be worked out. Ask your insurer what additional travel insurance is available.
- Importing goods** When carrying goods to or from the UK, restrictions and border controls apply. Less scope for bringing food, cigarettes and alcohol from the UK. Products must comply with EU legislation, on product/food safety, consumer protection and more.
- Making purchases** If you buy a product in or from the UK, you will have to pay more VAT and/or import duties. This also applies to online purchases.
- Phone calls and internet** Making calls and using the internet while in the UK may cost more. As of 1 January 2021, telecom providers may apply roaming charges. Check the roaming charges if you travel to the UK.

- Labour market** Dutch nationals who started living and working in the UK on or before 31 December 2020 may continue to do so provided they have a residence permit. After 1 January 2021 it will be more difficult for Dutch nationals to work in the UK due to new rules and visa requirements for some short-term activities.
- Recognition of professional qualifications** No agreements on mutual recognition of professional qualifications of regulated professionals (including doctors and teachers). Professional qualifications recognised before 1 January 2021 remain valid. Professional qualifications obtained in the EU after that date will no longer be recognised automatically.
- Social security** Most social security rights in cross-border situations between the EU and the UK will be retained. The agreement avoids double insurance and double payment of contributions.
- Family law and civil matters** Several international family law conventions, including those on responsibility over children, maintenance obligations and child abduction, still apply. Other disputes, for example over purchase contracts, no longer fall under EU rules.
- Studying in the UK** From 2021 studying in the UK may become more expensive. Check the requirements with your educational or research institution. Dutch students can no longer study or do an internship in the UK under the Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027), unless funded by the previous Erasmus+ programme.



What action should you take?

Don't let Brexit get in your way. Make sure you're prepared by visiting www.government.nl/brexit for more detailed information.