Dear Sir / Madam,

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service understands that you are living at the above address and are:

- a United Kingdom (UK) national living in the Netherlands; or
- the family member of a UK national living in the Netherlands and you do not have UK nationality or the nationality of an EU (European Union) or EEA (European Economic Area) country or Switzerland.

On 31 January, the UK left the EU. From 1 February 2020, the provisions of the withdrawal agreement apply. In this letter, the IND explains what these provisions mean for you.

Transition period: in 2020, Brexit will not change your situation

Your current situation will not change in 2020 as a result of Brexit. This is because the withdrawal agreement provides for a transition period from 1 February 2020 up to and including 31 December 2020. During this transition period, you can continue to live, work and study in the Netherlands. You only need a valid passport. The temporary residence permit sent out by the IND in March or October 2019 was only needed for a no-deal Brexit. If you received a temporary residence permit, you do not need it because there is now a deal.

After the transition period: you will need a residence document

If you would like to continue to live in the Netherlands after 31 December 2020, you will need a residence document. During the transition period you will receive a letter inviting you to apply for one online. The application costs €58 for adults and €31 for children under 18.

Certain conditions apply for you to receive a residence document. These are the same conditions that already currently apply for you to be allowed to live in the Netherlands. You can find out what the conditions are on www.ind.nl/Brexit.
Wait to receive an invitation from the IND

Around 45,000 UK citizens and their family members living in the Netherlands will need a residence document after the transition period. The IND will take care of this. It is not possible to process so many applications at the same time. That is why the IND will send out invitation letters in stages spread across the transition period. Please wait for the invitation and then submit your application. In this way, the IND can assess every application on time. Short films and other information about the application process are available on www.ind.nl/Brexit. See the calendar to find out when the IND will send you an invitation.

Exchange a permanent EU residence document

Do you have a permanent residence document as an EU citizen or the family member of an EU citizen? Then you need to change this residence document for a new permanent residence document. This is free of charge. You do not need to submit an online application. The IND will send you an invitation letter during the transition period advising what you need to do to exchange your document.

You will receive a new residence document if you still fulfil the conditions. The conditions for obtaining a new residence document are the same as for the old document. You can find out what the conditions are on www.ind.nl/Brexit.

Make sure you are ready to submit your application online

- Request a DigiD on https://www.digid.nl/en/. With your DigiD you can easily submit your application for a residence document online. Do you already have a DigiD? Make sure you have also activated SMS verification on MijnDigiD.
- Ensure that you will also receive post from the IND digitally. Use your DigiD to log in to MijnOverheid on https://mijn.overheid.nl. Go to your message box (Berichtenbox). Under Instellingen (Settings), Landelijke Organisaties, select Immigratie- en Naturalisatiedienst (IND).
- Open a Dutch bank account. You need it to set up iDEAL, an online payment method. You will need iDEAL to pay for an online application for a residence document.
- Let any British friends and colleagues living in the Netherlands know that they need to register in the BRP. Then the IND can get in touch with them.

Questions?

Visit www.ind.nl/Brexit for the latest information. You can also call our special Brexit phone line on +31 (0)88 04 30410. It is available from Mondays to Fridays from 9.00 to 17.00.

Yours faithfully,

Signed on behalf of the State Secretary for Justice and Security by

E.P.H. Koop,
Director, Regular Residence and Dutch Citizenship