

8th October: views and news on Brexit!

As things stand at today's date it is looking increasingly unlikely that the UK Government will agree a deal with the European Union by the deadline of October 17th.

Therefore there are two probable outcomes now, no deal Brexit or a further extension to the deadline.

Here is a summary of how a no deal Brexit would work should the UK leave the European Union on 31st October:

The UK has published a policy paper for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their eligible family members in the event of 'no deal' being reached between the EU and the UK. This policy can change (as it is not yet supported by UK legislation) and gives the date of the UK's departure from the EU as 31 October 2019, which is also subject to change.

(a) Travel to the UK after 31 October 2019

If a student arrives after 31 October 2019 in the event of "no deal" they may need to apply for temporary leave to remain or "Euro TLR" for short.

The application will be simple and free of charge – consisting of an online application form with identity, security and criminality checks.

If successful in their application, they will be granted immigration permission for 36 months which will start from the date the permission is granted. They can use the 36 months towards the qualifying period for settlement in the UK, if they stay in the UK with different immigration after this period has ended.

Immigration permission will be granted in secure digital format which they can share with others (such as employers, landlords and educational institutions).

(b) Students already in the UK after 31 October 2019

Students on short term courses will be able to stay in the UK until 31 December 2020 so will not be affected should "no deal" Brexit happen on 31 October 2019.

Those that wish to remain in the UK after 31 December 2020 will need to apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme or Euro TLR, depending on how long they wish to stay. Please click on this link for further details: ukcisa.org.uk/Settlement-Scheme.

Students will be able to use the eGates and be can continue to cross the border as now using passports or national identity cards, although the use of identity cards will be phased out in 2020 (sufficient time will be given to allow people to get passports where necessary).

(c) Eligibility for Funding

EU nationals who start an academic or vocational course in England in the 2020/21 academic year will remain eligible for funding ,whether a deal for leaving the EU is in place or not, for the duration of their course.

Therefore funding will cease to be available for new enrolments from January 2021 onwards in the event of a no deal Brexit.

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