Leaving under the Withdrawal Agreement (Deal)

Leaving without the Withdrawal Agreement (No Deal)

Residency

- Anyone correctly registered as a resident by the end of the transition period (end of 2020) will have the right to remain residing in Spain
- At some point, all UK nationals will be asked to exchange their current registration document for a new card.
 Details of how and when are not yet available. This card will show they fall under the Withdrawal Agreement and enjoy the rights this protects
- Spanish government contingency plans state that all UK nationals will be considered legally resident during a period of 21 months from the date the UK leaves the EU
- All UK nationals will be asked to exchange their current registration document for a new card or obtain the new card outright during this time. Full details of how and when are not yet available

The key message? Ensure you are correctly registered as a resident <u>now</u>. This means the green A4 certificate or green credit card sized piece of paper from *Extranjeria* **or National Police. If you are not currently registered as a resident, and can get appointment in your area, take steps to obtain the correct documentation as soon as possible**

Healthcare

- Healthcare provision will remain as now. UK state pensioners will continue to be eligible to access public healthcare in Spain under the S1 form if registered as a resident
- Those registered as resident before the end of 2020 but who claim their UK state pension in the future will also be eligible for healthcare paid for by UK once in receipt of their UK state pension
- Visitors will be able to continue using a UK-issued EHIC in the EU and holders of Spanish-issued EHICs will be able to use these in the UK during the transition period
- Spanish government contingency plans state UK state pensioners resident in Spain who are registered with an S1 form, and UK visitors to Spain who would normally use their EHIC, will continue to be entitled to treatment in Spain as long as the UK offers the same to Spanish nationals and reimburses Spain for the costs
- There is no agreement currently in place to formalise this but the UK has said it is willing to do both these things in the event of no deal
- All travellers should ensure they have comprehensive travel insurance

The key message? Ensure you are correctly registered for healthcare if you are resident here. If you are travelling, ensure you take out comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Check out the NHS pages for more information

Pensions and Social Security

- UK state pensioners already resident in Spain will continue to receive an uprated state pension. Anyone correctly registered as resident by the end of the transition period will also be entitled to an uprated UK state pension when they come to claim it
- Social security contributions made in the UK, Spain and other EU countries will continue to be added together to work out entitlement to pensions and benefits if you are correctly registered as a resident in Spain by the end of the transition period
- The UK state pension will be uprated for the financial year 2019-2020 for those resident in the EU. After that the UK would wish to continue uprating but this depends on reciprocal arrangements being in place with Spain/the EU
- Spanish government contingency plans state they
 will continue to take periods of work in the UK into
 account when working out pension or benefit
 entitlements during a 21 month grace period, as long
 as the UK does the same

The key message? Ensure that whenever you apply for a contributions-based pension or benefit, you state every country in which you worked

Driving licences

- The current rules on driving licences will remain as they are during the transition period
- The rules for 2021 onwards will be decided as part of the future negotiations
- Spanish government contingency plans state there will be a 9 month grace period after the UK leaves the EU during which time UK driving licences will be recognised and exchanged in Spain as now

The key message? Get an appointment to exchange your UK driving licence for a Spanish one as soon as possible. More information on driving after Brexit is here

Travel

- The current rules for travel between the UK and Spain and around the EU will remain as they are during the transition period
- The UK passport remains a valid travel document as long as it has not expired
- To travel into and around the Schengen Area, your passport should have at least 6 months' validity remaining. 'Extra' months which give a passport validity for more than 10 years will not be counted
- The EU has proposed UK nationals can travel visafree for up to 90 days in 180 day period

The key message? Check your passport validity if you are due to travel (using the <u>passport checker tool</u>) and keep an eye on travel advice if you're a regular visitor to Spain or another EU country