

Please ensure you check the official UK Government website for updates prior to travelling.

No.	Question	Answered - Yes or No	Answer	Source of answer
<b>1</b>	<b>Visas, Border checks &amp; Passports:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			
a	Will EU, EEA or Swiss citizens need visas to travel to the UK?	Yes	If you're an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen, you can travel to the UK for holidays or short trips without needing a visa. You can cross the UK border using a valid passport which should be valid for the whole time you are in the UK.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
b	If a speaker is being paid by a UK company to speak at a conference, do they need to apply for a specific type of visa and if so, which visa?	Yes	It is believed for most business conferences, if a speaker is being paid, they will need a work permit. Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Permitted Activities notes that a visitor to the UK may attend meetings, conferences, seminars, interviews and give a one-off or short series of talks and speeches provided these are not organised as commercial events and will not make a profit for the organiser. further guidance can be found: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-permitted-activities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-permitted-activities</a>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-permitted-activities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-visitor-permitted-activities</a>
c	Stand contractors/staff from the EU?	Yes	Under the new system, if you're an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen, you can continue to visit the UK without applying for a visa and in most cases, will be able to stay for up to six months. You may participate in a wide range of activities, including business-related activities such as meetings, events and conferences	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
d	European delegates can enter the UK to attend a business event with a normal passport and only have to give details of the event they are attending if asked? Is this correct?	Yes	From 1 January 2021, the UK has implemented a new points-based immigration system. Under the new system, if you're an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen, you can continue to visit the UK without applying for a visa and in most cases, will be able to stay for up to six months. You may participate in a wide range of activities, including business-related activities such as meetings, events and conferences	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
e	If they are the actual organiser of the event i.e. a PCO, Meeting/Event/Incentive agency – does the same apply with regards to passports?			
f	Is there a plan of introducing a physical ID card for people with a Settle Status in a near future?			
g	Can EU/EEA/Swiss citizens still enter the UK with a passport that expires in less than six months?	Yes	You must provide a valid passport or travel document. Your passport should be valid for the whole of your stay in the UK.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
h	If you are an exhibition stand builder or a company constructing a conference set to include AV are you and your team allowed to travel to the UK on a normal passport without any restrictions for up to 6 months?			
i	If you are employing musicians and entertainers from Europe for your event, do you have to have a special permit?	Yes	No. Exemptions for professionals in academia and other professions according to the Immigration Rules Appendix V: Visitor which states that the following are permitted paid engagements: A professional artist, entertainer, or musician coming to carry out an activity directly relating to their profession, where they have been invited by a creative (arts or entertainment) organisation, agent or broadcaster based in the UK	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor</a>
j	If a European speaker who is paid for their services at an event extends their stay, and includes family members, and the stay is paid for, what VISA should family members use?			
k	If delegates arrive in Dublin airport for an event in Belfast, will there be any border checks when they go from the Republic of Ireland into Northern Ireland?			

l	Will EU, EEA or Swiss ID cards still be valid?	Yes	You will not be able to use an EU, EEA or Swiss national ID card to enter the UK from 1 October 2021, unless you:	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme</li> <li>have an EU Settlement Scheme family permit</li> <li>have a frontier worker permit</li> <li>are an S2 Healthcare Visitor</li> <li>are a Swiss Service Provider</li> </ul>	
			In these cases, you can continue to use your national ID card to enter the UK until at least 31 December 2025.	
			In other cases, find out if you need to apply for a visa to enter the UK.	
m n	<p>If I am organising an event in Dublin and then in Belfast, how does the NI border work for moving exhibition freight between the two zones – will there be delays or any special documents to fill in?</p> <p>How long will EU, EEA and Swiss citizens be able to stay in the UK without a visa?</p>	Yes	From 1 January 2021, the UK has implemented a new points-based immigration system.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
			Under the new system, if you're an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen, you can continue to visit the UK without applying for a visa and in most cases, will be able to stay for up to six months. You may participate in a wide range of activities, including business-related activities such as meetings, events and conferences.	
			If you are travelling to the UK to carry out business activities from 1 January 2021, check if you need a visa before travel here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa">https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</a> . You can also check the UK visitor rules, which list activities that you can carry out in the UK without a visa: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor</a> .	
			If you are an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen travelling to the UK from 1 January to work or study, you will need to check if you are eligible and may need to apply for a visa online, before entering the UK. Find out more about coming to the UK from 1 January 2021.	
o	Will there be an ESTA system that travellers will have to fill in? If so, will there be any costs involved with the ESTA form?	Yes	As part of this phased programme to 2025, the Government will introduce an Electronic Travel Authorisation scheme as part of plans to ensure that all those coming to the UK have permission to do so in advance of travel. Please check for updates, as further details of these arrangements will be provided in due course.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
			The Government will introduce Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETAs) for visitors and passengers transiting through the UK who do not currently need a visa for short stays or who do not already have an immigration status prior to travelling.	
p	Can EU/EEA/Swiss citizens visiting the UK still use eGates?	Yes	You can use automatic eGates at some airports if you have a biometric symbol on the cover of your passport and you are 12 or over. Using the eGates is usually faster. Read the guide to faster travel through the UK border.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
q	Has anything changed for non-EU/EEA citizens?	Yes	Nothing has changed for non-EU/EEA visitors following the end of the transition period. Find out if you'll need to apply for a visa to enter the UK.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>

r	Expediency at passport control – is this likely to take longer now if you have an EU passport?	Yes	No. You can use automatic eGates at some airports if you have a biometric symbol on the cover of your passport and you are 12 or over. Using the eGates is usually faster. Read the guide to faster travel through the UK border.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
2	<b>VAT:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			
a	Are there any changes to the existing reclaim mechanism and if so, what are the major changes?			
b	How does this effect both event organisers and individual delegates?			
c	When does an events business pay VAT when working abroad?	Yes	<p>If you're in the UK and the place of supply of your service is in the UK, you charge and account for VAT according to UK VAT rules.</p> <p>If you're in the UK and the place of supply of your service is in an EU country, you do not pay UK VAT.</p> <p>But for some supplies, you may need to register and account for VAT in the country of supply.</p> <p>You must check with the tax authority in that country to find out how to treat the services you're supplying. A list of EU VAT contacts can be found in Notice 725.</p> <p>If the place of supply of your service is not in the EU, you do not have to charge EU VAT but you should include the sale in box 6 on your VAT Return.</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-how-to-work-out-your-place-of-supply-of-services">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-how-to-work-out-your-place-of-supply-of-services</a>
d	Is the VAT payable when you sell a service remotely, or is it when you provide a service on the ground in person?			
e	Will an events business know it has been charged VAT?			
3	<b>Freight:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			
a	What is the new process for bringing goods into the UK?	Yes	When temporarily transporting business samples or goods to the UK, you may be able to get import duty relief on goods using Temporary Admission.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples</a>
b	What is the temporary freight guidance for exhibition stands and sets?	Yes	<p>Full relief can be given when these goods are exhibited or used at a public event, not purely organised for commercial sale, delivered by the owner for inspection to a person in the UK who has the right to purchase them after inspection. Sample goods must be solely used for being shown or demonstrated in the UK. The imported sample quantities must be of a reasonable amount and in line with their use. You can be established in the UK to declare goods to this relief although prior authorisation is needed.</p> <p>Professional equipment Professional equipment must be:</p> <p>owned by a person established outside the UK imported by a person established outside the UK or by an employee of the owner used by the importer or under their supervision, except in cases of audio-visual co-productions</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples</a>

c	What are the rules and processes for bringing in promotional materials?	Yes	Full relief can be given when these goods are:	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-get-import-duty-relief-on-goods-using-temporary-admission#samples</a>
			exhibited or used at a public event, not purely organised for commercial sale	
			Samples Sample goods must be solely used for being shown or demonstrated in the UK. The imported sample quantities must be of a reasonable amount and in line with their use.	
			You can be established in the UK to declare goods to this relief. Prior authorisation is needed.	
d	<b>If you are bringing in food and beverage for your event, do you have to have a special import licence or documentation?</b>			
e	Any goods have specific consideration?	Yes	When temporarily transporting business samples or goods to the EU, you can apply for an ATA Carnet. ATA Carnets let you temporarily export commercial samples, trade fair or exhibition goods and professional equipment to countries that are part of the ATA Carnet system	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/taking-goods-out-uk-temporarily/get-an-ata-carnet">https://www.gov.uk/taking-goods-out-uk-temporarily/get-an-ata-carnet</a>
			You can use an ATA Carnet in around 70 countries.	
			Countries have their own rules about what goods you can bring in with an ATA Carnet. Check with the issuer in the country you're exporting to.	
			If you cannot use an ATA Carnet (or do not want to pay the fee), use a Duplicate List to temporarily export your goods instead.	
f	How long does the process take and do I need an external organisation to help with paperwork or is it so straight forward that we can do it ourselves?	Yes	The ATA Carnet acts as a passport for goods. It simplifies the custom formalities by allowing a single document to be used for clearing goods through customs in the countries that are part of the ATA Carnet system. An ATA Carnet is valid for 1 year and allows for movement of the goods shown on the Carnet as many times as required during the 12 months to any of the destinations applied for.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/taking-goods-out-uk-temporarily/get-an-ata-carnet">https://www.gov.uk/taking-goods-out-uk-temporarily/get-an-ata-carnet</a>
			If you're using a freight forwarder, they'll usually fill this in for you.	
			It usually costs £325.96 and you'll need to pay a security deposit.	
4	<b>Medical and pharma compliance:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			
a	What are the main areas of difference in regulations that event organisers should be aware of?	Yes	Forthcoming 2021 ABPI Code of Practice 2021 ABPI Code of Practice for the Pharmaceutical Industry (This Code comes into operation on 1 July 2021) - Clause 10 Events/Meetings and Hospitality	<a href="https://www.pmcpa.org.uk/media/3292/2021-abpi-code-of-practice-technical-release.pdf">https://www.pmcpa.org.uk/media/3292/2021-abpi-code-of-practice-technical-release.pdf</a>
5	<b>Healthcare for EU citizens visiting the UK:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			

a	Must EU citizens take a Covid-19 test prior to arrival in the UK?	Yes	All travel corridors with the UK are suspended. Strict testing and quarantining rules are currently in place for international arrivals into the UK because of COVID-19. The specific regulations in place may vary in different parts of the UK. Please ensure you check the links below for the latest guidance for each nation:	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
			England Scotland Wales Northern Ireland	
b	What is the Passenger Locator Form?	Yes	The border measures have been introduced to prevent the spread of new variants of Coronavirus into the UK. In the 48 hours before you arrive in the UK from abroad you must complete a passenger locator form to give the UK Government your journey and contact details. This is part of the UK's COVID-19 response.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
c	Do EU citizens need travel insurance when they visit the UK?	Yes	Find out more about this and other documents you need to enter the UK. The UK Government advises visitors to the UK to take out travel insurance. This means that you can reclaim any healthcare costs you are required to pay from your insurer.  Check your insurance has the necessary healthcare coverage to make sure you can get the treatment you need during your visit.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
d	Will European Health Insurance Cards (EHICs) be phased out?	Yes	For further details, please ensure you check gov.uk before you travel. If you are a visitor to the UK from an EU country and you fall ill or have a medical emergency during your temporary stay in England, you can continue to use a valid EHIC issued by your home country to access healthcare. The EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. You should also have travel or health insurance that covers the duration of your trip.  Please see the UK Government website for more information for visitors on healthcare and documents you need to bring here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-for-visitors-to-the-uk-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-for-visitors-to-the-uk-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021</a>  Please note: The way you access healthcare in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland could be different from England. Please see the links below for more information:  For Northern Ireland please see: <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/european-union-overseas-and-visitors-policy">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/european-union-overseas-and-visitors-policy</a>  For Scotland please see: <a href="https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/access/healthcare-for-overseas-visitors">https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/access/healthcare-for-overseas-visitors</a>  For Wales please see: <a href="https://gov.wales/preparing-wales-brexite/health-and-social-services">https://gov.wales/preparing-wales-brexite/health-and-social-services</a>	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>
6	<b>Roaming charges:</b> how will brexit affect the following:			
a	What are the changes for EU delegates/event organisers around using mobile phones in the UK?	Yes	How much you pay for calls, texts and mobile data in the UK and the EU will depend on your operator. Please check before you travel.	<a href="https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021">https://www.visitbritain.com/gb/en/plan-your-trip/getting-britain/visiting-uk-from-1-january-2021</a>

**7** **GDPR:** how will brexit affect the following:  
a Are GDPR/data protection rules the same in the UK as in the EU – e.g. are there any special UK rules when transferring contact lists to UK suppliers? Yes

No, the EU GDPR does not apply in the UK after the end of the Brexit transition period on 31 December 2020.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/dp-at-the-end-of-the-transition-period/data-protection-now-the-transition-period-has-ended/the-gdpr/>

However the UK's DPA 2018 has already enacted the EU GDPR's requirements into UK law, and with effect from 1 January 2021, the DPPEC (Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 amended the DPA 2018 and merged it with the requirements of the EU GDPR to form a new, UK specific data protection regime that works in a UK context after Brexit as part of the DPA 2018.

This new regime is known as 'the UK GDPR'.

UK organisations need to amend their GDPR documentation to align it with the requirements of the UK GDPR. In particular, Article 30 records, privacy notices, DPIAs (data protection impact assessments), DSARs (data subject access requests) and documentation covering international data flows must all reflect the UK's independent jurisdiction and the specific scope and wording of the UK GDPR.

Any UK organisation that offers goods or services to, or monitors the behaviour of, EU residents will also have to comply with the EU GDPR, and will reflect this in its process documentation.

**8 Fees, Revenue & Limited Company Status :** how will brexit affect the following:  
a If you are a UK based association that has won a bidding process to host the international event and the event is managed by a European based 'core PCO', is it advised to create a limited company for the international event?  
b For European-based organisations, are there any implications for charging fees/ revenue for my event in the UK (e.g. registration fees, exhibitor & sponsorship fees, etc)? Does my organisation need to be registered as a limited company in the UK, and are there any implications for charging in different currencies (EUR or GBP) and UK customers vs European customers?  
c We normally book events via UK DMCs. Are there any changes we should know about when working with them or other UK suppliers since Brexit? E.g. contracts, payments?