

The Common Travel Area and Passports

What does it cover?

- The position of UK nationals entering the EU with a UK passport,
- The future of the UK's Common Travel Area with the Republic of Ireland the Crown dependencies.

What will happen?

- Currently, British passport holders can enter the EU and then travel throughout the Schengen area¹,
- Should the UK leave the EU with no-deal and become a third country then British passport holders will be considered third country nationals and will therefore need to comply with different rules,
- The UK and the EU intend to preserve the integrity of the Common Travel Area in the event of a no-deal.

What will businesses have to do?

- British nationals will need to have been issued, within the last 10 years, with a UK passport and have at least 6 months validity left at the date of arrival if travelling into the Schengen area,
- For EU member states not in the Schengen area, their individual requirements may be different, and will need to be individually checked before travelling to them,
- British and Irish nationals will continue to enjoy travel without immigration restrictions and the right to live, work, study, vote and access social welfare benefits and health services with the CTA,
- There would be no practical changes and no routine immigration checks,
- Nationals who are not British or Irish citizens will be required to meet domestic UK entry requirements.

¹ The Schengen area is an area common external border controls and within which EU/EEA citizens can move freely. All EU member states, Switzerland and Norway, are also members of the Schengen area except the UK, Ireland, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Cyprus

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