

**Client Alert
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France launches online system for the filing of residence permit applications of UK nationals already residing in France at the time Brexit occurs, in case of no-deal Brexit

Summary: In preparation of a no-deal Brexit, and following the provisions made by the French government earlier this year¹, an online service is now available to allow UK nationals already residing in France at the time Brexit occurs to file their residence permit application online.

On 9 October 2019, The French Ministry of Interior officially announced the launching of a website dedicated to the filing of residence permit applications for UK nationals already residing in France at the time Brexit occurs, in case of hard Brexit.

The French language version is available at:

<https://contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/brexit/brexit-demande-titre-sejour/>

To access the English language version, visit:

<https://contacts-demarches.interieur.gouv.fr/brexit/brexit-residence-permit-application/>

A transition period of 12 months

UK nationals and family members continuing their stay and professional activities beyond the Brexit date may do so for a maximum period of 12 months after the Brexit date. During this transition period they do not need to be in possession of a residence permit.

Residence permit application to be requested within 6 months following the Brexit

The UK nationals who wish to remain in France beyond this transition period will have 6 months after the Brexit date to apply for one of the appropriate residence permits.

¹ Ordinance No. 2019-76 of 6 February 2019 and Decree n° 2019-264 of 2 April 2019

How to file the application online?

Applicants will be required to upload a set of documents, including passport ID pages, proof establishing the date applicant moved to France, such as a certificate of ownership drawn up by a notary, home insurance contract, home insurance attestation or work contract, and specific documents pertaining to the specific situation of each applicant. For example, a salaried employee will have to provide a copy of his/her most recent payslip, when a student will be required to provide proof of enrollment with a school or university.

After completing these steps, applicant will receive a confirmation of request by email, with a reference number confirming registration.

When the file has been processed, an email will be sent to applicant in order to make an appointment at the prefecture to finalize application (fingerprinting, photo, and proof of fee payment).

The residence permit will then be sent directly to applicant's home.

It is already possible to register an application online, but the Ministry of Interior confirms that the applications will not be processed for the moment. These applications would be processed only from the date on which Hard Brexit would occur, so potentially from 31 October 2019.

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