



A LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR

Dear British Nationals,

I am writing to outline the actions that you will need to get ready for Brexit. I wanted to ask for your help in bringing this to the attention of as many British citizens living in France as possible.

The Prime Minister is committed to leaving the EU on 31 October. He has said clearly that he would prefer to leave with a deal. But he has also said that he is prepared to leave without one if necessary. In the event that the UK leaves with a deal, little will change straightaway. But if we leave without a deal, there are four immediate actions to take:

- **You will have to apply for a new residence card within 6 months of Exit Day.** Those of you with existing *Cartes de Séjour* will need to exchange them in the new system. A new online website is due to be launched by the French Government to simplify this process as much as possible.
- **Please check that you have appropriate health cover.** This may be through direct contributions to the state via your employer; a registered S1 form at your local CPAM office; private health insurance; or other. You may wish to consider whether you want additional cover from a mutuelle.
- **Check that your passport is valid for travel,** on gov.uk. You will need to have 6 months left on your passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).
- **Tell your friends and neighbours.** I am aware that not everyone will know what action to take: some people have limited access to the internet or their local community, others may only read French news. This is why I have included a simple poster with this letter and I am asking you to put this up in local community centres, Mairies, or shops where others will see it. Please help us get the message out.

You can find out more on our Living in France guide, which includes details of further outreach meetings: www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-france. The French Government's Brexit website is useful and has sections in English. There is an option for asking further questions: www.brexit.gouv.fr. On Twitter please follow @BritishinFrance and @EdLlewellynFCO and on Facebook please look at our page 'British Embassy Paris'

The British Government will be inviting organisations to bid to a new fund to provide the practical support that some UK nationals may need in order to deal with the changes in their residence status. If your organisation would like to play a role you can find out more by emailing UKNSF@fco.gov.uk

I hope you have found this helpful. Please do stay in touch.

Edward Llewellyn