



BREXIT – Overview of key changes

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Travel to and from the EU - Visas & Immigration

Studying, working and living in the UK

As of January 1 2021, EU and EEA citizens coming to the UK will require a visa to study (including short-term study), live and work in the UK. This does not apply to Republic of Ireland citizens whose arrangements are governed by the [CTA](#) or citizens with Pre-Settled / Settled status under the [EU Settlement Scheme](#).

The UK Government has put in a place a new, [points-based immigration system](#). While the [Student Route](#) (replacing Tier 4 visas) broadly remains the same, new immigration requirements are in place for staff recruitment from overseas which will now include EU and EEA citizens. HR guidance will be issued in due course.

EU/EEA Citizens who were in the UK by December 31 2020 can still apply for the EU Settlement Scheme until June 30 2021. Those arriving in the UK to work, live or study after January 1st 2021 will require a visa.

Short visits to EU/EEA countries

Visits for tourism purposes will not require a visa for most EU countries for up to 90 days in 180 day periods. Business-related travel may require a visa. Please check [FCO country travel advice](#)

European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC)

The UK has introduced a [Global Health Insurance Card \(GHIC\)](#) which provides the right to access state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in the European Union (EU). However, not all state healthcare is free in the EU and UK citizens are highly encouraged to purchase comprehensive travel and health insurance to travel to the EU/EEA

Border arrangements

As the UK is no longer a member of the EU, it will no longer be possible to use EU/EEA lines at border posts and is likely to take longer. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of European countries are currently refusing entry from the UK except for essential purposes.

EU student fees, mobility and research programmes

EU student fee status changes

With the exception of Republic of Ireland citizens¹, EU students beginning their studies after August 1 2021 will be considered as overseas students for fee purposes and may not receive SAAS subsidy. Existing students will keep their existing fee arrangements².

The UK will no longer be part of the Erasmus scheme. UK launches Turing Scheme

The UK and EU were not able to agree on the UK's participation in the Erasmus scheme. Arrangements to stagger our Erasmus+ funding means student exchanges may still take place in the 2021/2 academic year under the Erasmus banner. Guidance on staff exchanges will be shared in due course.

This also means UK-based institutions cannot apply for funding for other Erasmus+ initiatives, e.g. strategic partnerships,

The UK Government has announced the creation of a national mobility scheme, the [Turing Scheme](#) which will open from September 2021 to support outward international exchanges and internships.

The UK will participate in Horizon Europe

The UK and EU have agreed on the UK's participation in [Horizon Europe](#). UK Higher Education institutions will be able to take part in, and lead / coordinate, research funding bids as previously under Horizon 2020. The finalisation of the UK's association to the programme is expected in Spring 2021.

1. Republic of Ireland citizens' fee status may vary subject to residence criteria and full details may be found in the [SAAS Brexit Questions and Answers section](#)
2. Existing students will retain their existing 'home' fee arrangements provided they have Settled or Pre-Settled status. Existing students who do not have Settled or Pre-Settled may be considered as overseas for example if they changed their course of study or started a new course.

European Partnerships after Brexit FAQs and what it means for you

Will European Union (EU) students' fee status change?

New students: EU students who have obtained Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme will continue to be considered as 'home' students for fee purposes.

EU students beginning their course after August 1st 2021 who do not have Settled or Pre-Settled status will be considered as overseas students for fee purposes. Republic of Ireland citizens' fee status may vary subject to residence criteria and full details may be found in the [SAAS Brexit Questions and Answers section](#).

Current students: Students beginning their course prior to August 1st 2021 will keep their existing fee arrangements for the length of their course, regardless of their status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

However, current students who do not have pre-Settled or Settled status may see their status change in limited cases, e.g. after they complete their course and apply for a further one beginning after August 1st 2021 or if they elect change their existing course mid-study.

Where can students find information and ask about tuition fee and immigration changes?

Information regarding immigration for EU and EEA students is available on the [UKCISA website](#).

Applicants for our programmes who are unsure of their fee status can fill in a [tuition fee questionnaire](#) and send to the admissions team who will be able to advise.

Questions regarding visas and immigration advice should be sent to the Visa and International Support Team - internationalsupport@napier.ac.uk

What fees should non-exchange students pay if they are coming through articulation partnerships?

Any questions on this should be addressed to Nicole Lombardo (n.Lombardo@napier.ac.uk), International Partnership Manager looking after the European region who will be happy to help.

The expectation is that EU and EEA students coming through articulation agreements or other partnership agreements (such as double degrees) will be subject to overseas fees. The University may be in a position to consider discounted tuition fees on an individual agreement basis – please consult Nicole Lombardo for advice.

What arrangements are being made for exchange students?

Although the UK is no longer part of the Erasmus+ framework, mobility funding that could not be used in the 2019/20 academic year as a result of the pandemic is expected to fund exchanges in the 2021/2 academic year under the Erasmus banner. The UK Government announced the new [Turing Scheme](#) beginning in September 2021.

Any questions from colleagues or students regarding exchange arrangements can be sent on to studyabroad@napier.ac.uk

I want to discuss, set-up or review a partnership with a European partner, who should I speak to for advice?

- For recruitment partnerships, negotiation of existing partnerships, dual degree agreements and fee discussions - your School Academic Lead International and Nicole Lombardo – n.Lombardo@napier.ac.uk
- For EU research funding – your School Research and Innovation Manager
- For reciprocal student exchanges and Erasmus+ partnerships - Global Mobility – studyabroad@napier.ac.uk
- For visa and immigration questions - Visa and International Support - internationalsupport@napier.ac.uk