# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM

### Where can I find more information about the Entry/Exit System?

You can find more information about the Entry/Exit System at the official website <a href="https://traveleurope.europa.eu/en/ees/faq">https://traveleurope.europa.eu/en/ees/faq</a>.

## How does the EU Entry/Exit System apply to the Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries and their joining family members?

UK nationals and their family members who are beneficiaries of the <u>Withdrawal Agreement</u> will be exempt from registration in the Entry/Exit System (EES) only if they hold a specific residence document:

- a) a valid **Withdrawal Agreement residence document** issued by the Member State that is their Withdrawal Agreement host State;
- b) a valid **Withdrawal Agreement frontier worker document** issued by the Member State that is their Withdrawal Agreement State of work;
- c) a valid **special temporary Withdrawal Agreement residence document** issued by the Member State that is their Withdrawal Agreement host State; or
- d) a certain valid residence permit.

Please note that specific residence documents falling under c) and d) may change over time so Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries are advised to check before travel.

Exemptions under the Entry/Exit System do not apply to Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries and their family members whose host State is **Ireland or Cyprus**, given that these two Member States do not participate in the Entry/Exit System.

Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries who do not hold any of the above documents will be registered in the Entry/Exit System. It means that their entries and exits to and from the territory of European countries using the Entry/Exit System will be electronically registered in the Entry/Exit System. Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries registered in the Entry/Exit System can later ask to have their data deleted or amended in the system if they show that they are documented Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries in their host EU Member State.

All Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries are entitled to apply for and be issued with a Withdrawal Agreement document that will exempt them from registration in the Entry/Exit System and facilitate their experience at the EU border.

For more information about the application, please contact national authorities of your EU Member State.

Residence documents issued to UK nationals and their family members under the EU Free Movement Directive (2004/38/EC) before 31 December 2020 will not exempt from registration in the Entry/Exit System, regardless of whether these documents can still be exceptionally used in the host State to establish the Withdrawal Agreement beneficiary status there.

There are **special rules for holders of a certificate of application** issued under the Withdrawal Agreement and for family members of Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries who join the latter in the Withdrawal Agreement host State. They **will be registered in the Entry/Exit System**, but **the system will not track whether they have left the EU in time**, given that they have a right to reside under the Withdrawal Agreement.

For more information, please contact national authorities before travel.

### Which residence documents will exempt from the registration in the Entry/Exit System?

Withdrawal Agreement residence document

The Withdrawal Agreement residence documents are issued in the EU's uniform card format.

They contain both a reference to Article 50 Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to Article 18 of the Withdrawal Agreement printed on it in the official language of the issuing Member State.

For reference, this is a specimen of a Withdrawal Agreement residence document (red highlights added to mark the document as the right Withdrawal Agreement residence document):





#### Withdrawal Agreement frontier worker document

The Withdrawal Agreement frontier worker documents are also issued in the EU's uniform card format. Similarly, they contain the reference 'Art. 50 TEU - Frontier worker' printed on it in the official language of the issuing Member State.

For reference, this is a specimen of a Withdrawal Agreement frontier worker document (red highlights added to mark the document as the right Withdrawal Agreement frontier worker document):





#### Temporary Withdrawal Agreement document

In addition to residence documents under the Withdrawal Agreement issued in a uniform format, Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries will also be exempt from registration in the Entry/Exit System if they hold one of the following **Greek temporary documents**:

Special certificate of legal residence stating that the holder has the right of Part Two of the Withdrawal Agreement (Ειδική Βεβαίωση Νόμιμης Διαμονής της υπ'αριθ. 4000/1/113-α'Κ.Υ.Α. (ΥΠΟΔΕΙΓΜΑ ΚΑ-158)), on the left, or Certificate of submission of the supporting documents (Βεβαίωση κατάθεσης δικαιολογητικών), on the right:



### National residence permits

In addition to Withdrawal Agreement residence documents issued in a uniform format and temporary residence documents, Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries will be exempt from registration in the Entry/Exit System if they hold a residence permit that has been notified by the issuing Member State in accordance with the Schengen Borders Code and is also duly listed in Annex 22 of the Practical Handbook for Border Guards.

Examples of such documents are the German "Fiktionsbescheinigung" or the French "Document de circulation pour étranger mineur" (DCEM).

Annex 22 of the Practical Handbook for Border Guards can be consulted <u>here</u>. Please note that Annex 22 is regularly updated so Withdrawal Agreement beneficiaries should check regularly whether their national residence permit is included in Annex 22.