

IV. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC FOR BRITISH CITIZENS IN CONNECTION WITH BREXIT

On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland left the European Union. On 1 February 2020, the so-called transition period began that will last until the end of 2020. Under the withdrawal agreement, rights of British citizens and their family members who have resided in the Czech Republic are granted. Also, after the end of the transition period, British citizens and their family members, who have resided and will continue to reside in the Czech Republic after 31 December 2020, will retain their existing rights. In order to preserve these rights, however, it is necessary to prove a legal stay in the Czech Republic, for example by holding temporary or permanent residence.

The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, therefore, recalls its earlier recommendations and, for reasons for legal certainty, timesaving and avoidance of possible more complicated administrative procedures in the future, **strongly urge those who want to continue reside at the territory of the Czech Republic after 31 December 2020 to:**

- **apply for a Certificate of Temporary Residence if they stay or intend to stay in the country for more than three months** (for further information visit <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/eu-citizens-and-their-family-members.aspx>)

- **apply for a Permanent Residence Permit if they have lived in the country for more than five years** (for further information visit <https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/eu-citizens-and-their-family-members-permanent-residence.aspx>)

Please note: The withdrawal agreement does not in any way apply to British citizens who will arrive in the Czech Republic after the end of the transitional period. If these persons aim to reside in the Czech Republic more than three months, they will be treated as [third-country nationals](#).