

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBINARS AND NEWSLETTERS FOR UK CITIZENS IN BRUSSELS!

The Expat Welcome Desk of commissioner.brussels is pleased to invite you to a series of 10 FREE webinars for UK citizens, taking place throughout 2023. Whether you already live and work in Brussels, or you are still planning your move, these informative sessions will help you navigate the post-Brexit landscape. The webinars are part of a project funded by the EU's Brexit Adjustment Reserve, in which we are also developing a newsletter for UK citizens and a specific Brexit chapter on our website. Read on to learn about the first two sessions!

WEBINAR 1: YOU'VE GOT YOUR M-CARD. WHAT NEXT?

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023, 12:00 - 13:30

UK citizens already resident in Belgium before the end of the Brexit transition period were able to apply for an Article 50 Residence Permit (known as an M-Card) to maintain their right to live and work in Belgium. Hundreds of UK citizens now hold an M-Card, but what does this mean in practice?

In this webinar we will delve into the rights that the M-card provides, clarifying the exact status of UK citizens and highlighting some important limitations compared to the pre-Brexit situation. After a brief presentation, we will open a Q+A with plenty of time for questions from participants.

Issues addressed

- Residence rights, extended absence and return to Belgium
- Access to the Belgian labour market
- Family reunification
- Eligibility for permanent residence and Belgian citizenship
- Travel inside and outside the EU (Schengen Area), including business trips
- Short-term postings and moving to another EU country

Note that this webinar will offer an overview on various topics relevant to UK citizens living in Belgium before Brexit, some of which will be explored in more detail through later webinars or our newsletter for UK citizens.

Speakers

- **Chair: Amélie Bovy**, Legal Adviser Welcome Desk, commissioner.brussels
- **Jo Antoons**, Managing Partner, Fragomen Brussels
- **Andreia Ghimis**, Immigration Manager, Fragomen Brussels

Slides

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WEBINAR 2: MOVING TO BELGIUM AFTER BREXIT

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023, 12:00 - 13:30

UK citizens who moved to Belgium after the Brexit transition period, and those still planning their move, are subject to the rules generally applicable to non-EU nationals.

This webinar will give an overview of the immigration options for UK citizens after Brexit. We will present possible routes to residence and work rights for various categories of UK citizens, such as business travellers, employees, self-employed persons, frontier workers, trainees, etc. We then explore the rights these residents hold after acquiring the right to live in Belgium, so the session will also interest UK citizens already living here who arrived after Brexit.

Issues addressed

- The right to live and work in Belgium for UK citizens after Brexit
- Extended absence and return

- Family reunification
- Social security coverage
- Travel inside and outside the EU (Schengen Area)
- Conducting business and work trips to other EU countries

Note that this webinar will offer an overview on various topics relevant to UK citizens who have recently arrived in Belgium or who are planning to move here. Some of these issues will be explored in more detail through later webinars or our newsletter for UK citizens.

Speakers

- **Chair: Amélie Bovy**, Legal Adviser Welcome Desk, commissioner.brussels
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- **Wout Van Doren**, Senior Associate (Attorney), Fragomen Brussels
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Registration by email to inscription@commissioner.brussels. A link to access the webinar will be sent in advance. By registering, you consent to be added to the UK Citizens in Brussels newsletter from commissioner.brussels.

UK CITIZENS IN BRUSSELS NEWSLETTER

Alongside these webinars, commissioner.brussels is also launching a monthly newsletter for 2023. This new mailing will explore in detail some of the most complex aspects of post-Brexit life for UK citizens living in Belgium or planning to move here. Each edition will focus on a specific case study, starting from one tricky question and then exploring the detail that UK citizens should be aware of.

- The first edition is already out, answering this question: *“My children are UK citizens living in Belgium with an M-Card. Can they go study in the UK then return to Belgium?”*
- The second edition will answer this question: *“I live and work in Belgium on a Single Permit. What does this allow me to do? Can I change job? Can I bring family members over?”*

To receive this monthly newsletter straight to your inbox, sign up today!

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