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Date January 2019  
Subject British nationals residing in the Netherlands with a national permanent residence permit (type II or IV)

Dear [name],

You are registered at the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) as a (relative of a) British national residing in the Netherlands. The IND assesses all applications for residence permits by persons wanting to live in the Netherlands or wanting to acquire Dutch nationality.

This letter explains what Brexit will mean for you if there is no withdrawal agreement between the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK).

**British nationals are no longer EU citizens as of 29 March 2019**

On 29 March 2019, the UK will leave the EU. This is commonly known as Brexit. From that moment on you will no longer be (a relative of) an EU citizen.

**Brexit does not affect your permanent right of residence**

After Brexit, you are no longer (a relative of) an EU citizen. Still, Brexit does not affect your right of residence in the Netherlands. This is because you have a national permanent residence permit (type II or IV). On your residence document, you can see if your residence is permanent. At [www.vreemdelingendocumenten.nl](http://www.vreemdelingendocumenten.nl) (only available in Dutch) you can see what the national permanent residence permit looks like.

If you have a permanent residence permit, you remain the right to reside, work and study in the Netherlands permanently. However, your residence *document* is valid for five years. That is why it includes an expiration date. You may apply for a new permanent residence document before the expiration date. This is also possible if the period of validity of your residence document has already expired. With a valid permanent residence document you can easily prove that you are allowed to reside, work and study in the Netherlands.

The conditions for an application for a new residence document are available at [www.ind.nl/en](http://www.ind.nl/en) with the query 'renew'.

**You may keep your EU right of residence**

It is possible that you have dual EU citizenship (for example, you have next to your British nationality another EU nationality). In that case you will keep your right of residence as an EU citizen after Brexit if you meet the EU residence requirements. You do not need to do anything further.

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**You keep your allowances**

Are you currently entitled to health care allowance, childcare allowance, child-related budget and /or rent allowance? You will remain the rights to these allowances.

**Ensure correct registration in the Personal Records Database (BRP) and apply for your DigiD**

Make sure that your registration in the Personal Records Database (BRP) of your municipality is correct. This way you can easily be contacted by the government. At [www.mijnoverheid.nl](http://www.mijnoverheid.nl) you can verify your registration at the municipality. For this, you need a DigiD, for which you can apply at [www.digid.nl/en](http://www.digid.nl/en).

**Do you have questions?**

The latest information on Brexit is available at [www.government.nl/Brexit](http://www.government.nl/Brexit) and [www.ind.nl/Brexit](http://www.ind.nl/Brexit). At the latter you may also sign up for the Brexit newsletter for migrants.

Yours sincerely,

The general director of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service

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