

Important Information for all UK hauliers

To operate in the EU after Brexit, you will need to register certain commercial trailers and/or require new travel documents.

Which documents you need will depend on whether the UK leaves with or without a deal.

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the government's top priority. This has not changed.

However a responsible government must plan for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario. We are continuing with our no deal planning to ensure we are fully prepared.

In the event of a no deal EU Exit the European Commission has [published proposals](#) that would allow UK hauliers to continue to operate in the EU until the end of 2019 if there is no deal, without the need for an ECMT permit.

While this will need to be agreed by the EU Member States and the European Parliament, this is a positive step forward for UK hauliers. In response, the government intends to offer the same market access to EU hauliers.

What you need to do

- Register trailers for international commercial use weighing over 750kg. [More information on how to register your trailers can be found here](#) www.gov.uk/guidance/trailer-registration
- [Check if you need International Driving Permits](#) and how many you may need. Acquire them from the [Post Office](#).
- Contact your vehicle insurance provider to obtain a motor insurance Green Card.
- Display a GB sticker on your vehicle.
- If you are an EU-based UK haulier, exchange your UK driver CPC for an EU driver CPC
- [Get more information and register for alerts](#) at www.gov.uk/euexitdriving

Register your commercial trailers

Whether the UK leaves the EU with a deal or no deal, you may need to register commercial trailers from 28 March 2019.

- From 28 March 2019, you must register commercial trailers weighing over 750kg and non-commercial trailers weighing over 3,500kg before you can take them to or through most EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
- More information on which countries this applies to, and [on how to register your trailers can be found here](#).

Get the right documents

If we leave the EU without a deal, you may need to have a valid International Driving Permit (IDP) for the country or countries you are driving in, and you will need to carry a Green Card issued by your motor insurer (alongside your insurance certificate as normal).

IDPs

- On 28 March 2019, the type of IDP recognised by some countries in the EU (as well as Norway) will change.
- If there's no deal, you will need an IDP in addition to your UK driving licence to drive in the EU and EEA.

- There are three types of IDP. They are valid in different countries, for different lengths of time.
- You may need one, two or even three IDPs for your journey.
- The three types are:
 - The 1968 IDP will be valid in 23 EU countries plus Norway and Switzerland.
 - The 1949 IDP will be valid in Cyprus, Malta, Spain and Iceland.
 - The 1926 IDP is valid in Liechtenstein.
- You do not need an IDP to drive in Ireland, as long as you are carrying your UK driving licence.
- The Post Office began issuing the new 1968 IDPs alongside those under the 1949 and 1926 Conventions from 1 February 2019 in 2,500 Post Offices throughout the UK.
- Each IDP costs £5.50.

Green Cards

- If the UK leaves with no deal, you'll need to carry a motor insurance Green Card when driving in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway. These should be requested from your insurer, up to 4 weeks in advance.

GB Stickers

- You'll need to display a GB sticker even if your vehicle has a Euro-plate (a number plate displaying both the EU flag and a GB sign)

Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC)

- Leaving the EU with a deal remains the government's top priority. However, in the event of a no-deal exit, UK-issued Driver CPC will no longer be recognised by the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway. The UK government is confident it can negotiate new bilateral agreements or reinstate old ones with EU countries to provide haulage access. However, otherwise you will need an ECMT permit.
- If you're working for a company based in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway, you'll need a Driver CPC issued by one of these countries. Until 29 March 2019, you can exchange your UK Driver CPC for an EU Driver CPC. To do this, you must apply to the relevant body in an EU country or Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway.