

# FAQ for BREXIT



- **Does the UK leaving the European Union affect students from the EU?**

If you're from the EU and you're thinking of coming to study in the UK, there are a few practical things that might change as a result of the UK leaving the EU on 31 January 2020. These depend on when you arrive in the UK.

If you are an Irish national, these changes will not apply to you.

If you arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020, there's very little that will change as long as you register for the EU Settlement Scheme. If you're an EU citizen and you start living in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme and continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

If you arrive from 1 January 2021 onwards, there will be some changes. Many of these are still subject to negotiations, but the UK government, the British Council and universities in the UK are working hard to make any new arrangements as simple as possible.

The main changes are:

Arrive in the UK before 1 January 2021	No changes; apply for EU Settlement Scheme to stay longer than 30 June 2021 (if you want to remain in the UK beyond 30 June 2021 and keep 'home fee status' beyond this date)
Arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 and start your course before 31 July 2021	Changes to immigration status, no changes to fee status
Arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 and start your course after 1 August 2021	Changes to immigration status and fee status (for studies in England, Scotland and Wales)

- **What will the study pattern be for students starting Foundation (Level 3) this January 2021?**

Student Finance has confirmed that in 2021, the students will be eligible for three Trimesters of Funding. Unlikely, the previous years, students who start Foundation (Level 3) in January 2021 will finish this stage in August and progress to Year 1 of the degree (Level 4) in September 2021. This means that you will not have the summer break, but you will be starting your First Year in September 2021.

- **Will student Finance still be available for January 2021?**

Yes, EU students starting in January 2021 will be eligible to apply for the Student Finance Loan through Student Finance England.

- **From September 2021 will EU Students have to pay the same fees as international students?**

Yes, the University has confirmed that from September 2021 new EU students will be charged international fee levels.

- **Will ARU College offer digital and on campus options starting from January 2021?**

Yes, students will still be able to choose between digital and on campus studies during the January 2021 academic trimester and there will be opportunities to switch between these modes of study during the trimester.

- **What will be the implications for EU students studying online in January and moving to the UK later in their course?**

If you are an EU student and you are planning to arrive in the UK after the 31 December 2020, you will be considered an International Student. Therefore, you will have to apply for Student VISA to be able to stay in the UK for the duration of your course. Please find more information about immigration on <https://aru.ac.uk/international/immigration>.

- **Will I be able to study the whole foundation digitally?**

Currently we have confirmed that the January 2021 academic trimester will be available both digitally and on campus. We are working hard to confirm the May 2021 study options, which will follow UK Government Guidance on Coronavirus. A decision on this will likely be made early in 2021.

- **Will students who need to quarantine be able to apply for accommodation during the quarantine period?**

Yes, students who are applying for University campus accommodation and need to quarantine, can move into their rooms two weeks early. You will be able to move in from 4th January 2021 and have the quarantine period free of charge (if you arrive on 4th January. If you arrive on 10th January, you will only have free accommodation from 10th January to 18th January).

- **Will EU students be able to move into University accommodation in December 2020?**

There is a chance for you to move in December 2020, before the Brexit transition period ends. If you would like to receive more information, please contact [accommodation@arucollege.com](mailto:accommodation@arucollege.com).

- **When can I apply for accommodation?**

You can apply for Accommodation as soon as you hold a Conditional Offer. Before you can make this application on ARU Website, you will need to contact our Accommodation Team at [accommodation@arucollege.com](mailto:accommodation@arucollege.com) so that we can provide you with the login details for the accommodation portal.

- **Can EU students stay and work in the UK after they complete their studies?**

If you arrive in the UK before the 31st December, you will be able to apply to the pre- Settlement status, which allows you to work and study in the UK with the same rights as a British Citizen.

If you arrive after this date, you will be classed as an International Student. Therefore, if you intend to stay in the country after the completion of your degree, you will be eligible to Apply to the New Graduate Immigration Route. Please find more information on <https://aru.ac.uk/international/immigration>

- **For more information on how Brexit may impact your UK studies in 2021 please visit the British Council dedicated page here: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/starting-your-degree-2020>**

