

## **Brexit Update August 2019**

Please find below our Brexit policy round-up for this month.

This is by no means a comprehensive list, and please do continue to check the latest guidance on [gov.uk:https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-government-brexit-preparedness](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-government-brexit-preparedness)

### **Brexit update August**

On 14<sup>th</sup> August, LGiU published a [briefing](#) summarising recent Brexit developments from a local government perspective, including no-deal preparations, new funding allocated to councils, and next steps.

### **Workplace rights after Brexit**

On 8<sup>th</sup> August, BEIS published [guidance](#) on how rights in the workplace could be affected if there's a no-deal Brexit. In most cases there will be no changes to workplace rights if there's a no-deal Brexit. However, there will be some changes to rules on employer insolvency for UK employees working in the EU, and membership of European Works Councils.

### **Local government Brexit preparedness**

MHCLG continues to regularly update and publish [guidance](#) from government to assist local authority preparedness for exiting the European Union. This includes guidance on: health and social care, schools and education providers, access to public services, EU Settlement Scheme, community engagement, regulatory services, and internal operations.

### **Trading under WTO rules**

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, DIT published [guidance](#) on how to trade with other countries if there is no UK trade agreement in place.

### **The progress of the EU Settlement Scheme so far**

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, the House of Commons Library published [information](#) on the progress of the EU Settlement Scheme to date, including: total number of applications, applications by nationality, and the availability of ID checking services.

### **No-deal Brexit advice for businesses trading with the EU**

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, the Chancellor [announced](#) that HMRC is stepping up efforts to ensure businesses are ready to trade post-Brexit by automatically enrolling companies in an important customs system and doubling the numbers registered. More than 88,000 VAT registered companies across the UK will be allocated an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number in the next two weeks in order to keep trading with customers and suppliers in the EU after the UK has left. EORI numbers are a unique ID number allocated to businesses that enables them to be identified by Customs authorities when doing business with other traders.

### **£9 million announced to get ports and local areas ready for Brexit**

On 21<sup>st</sup> August, MHCLG [announced](#) that £5 million will be given to local councils which either have or are near to a major air, land or sea port and £4 million to local resilience forums, which includes Thames Valley local area forum. The funding can be used by local areas to support the development of robust Brexit plans for their areas and for continued preparedness activities, including additional staffing costs.

### **Brexit guidance on children's services and education released**

On 19<sup>th</sup> August, DfE published a set of guidance documents relating to Brexit, including the possibility of a no-deal Brexit. These include guidance for [local authority children's services in England](#), [schools in England](#), [further education and apprenticeship providers](#), [higher education institutions](#), those [Studying in the European Union](#), on [data protection for education providers](#).

### **Actions for adult social care providers to prepare for Brexit**

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, DHSC published [guidance](#) on what adult social care providers and local authorities need to do to prepare for a no-deal Brexit.