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Frequently Asked Questions – What is the Impact on Outdoor Learning and Off- Site Visits of Leaving the European Union?

The UK left the European Union (EU) on 31st January 2020, with most changes taking place at the end of the Brexit transition period on 31st December 2020.

The main impact of these changes is on overseas visits, particularly to countries in the EU and wider European Economic Area (EEA). They include (depending on the country to be visited):

- limits on the length of stay without a visa;
- a requirement for passports to be valid for at least six months after the date of entry into a country, and to be less than ten years old;
- the withdrawal of the British Council's 'List of Travellers' visa waiver form for non-UK/EU children travelling with school groups;
- an end to the regulations preventing UK mobile phone providers imposing high roaming charges;
- the need for an International Driving Permit if driving in some countries;
- changes in reciprocal health agreements including eligibility for the European Health Insurance Card and the introduction of a Global Health Insurance Card;
- changes in customs regulations, including what goods can be imported or exported free of tax, and restrictions on goods that can be taken into the EEA (including meat and dairy products).

The following National Guidance documents have been revised to incorporate these changes:

- [7r "Overseas Visits"](#)
- [4.5b "Transport in Minibuses"](#)
- [4.5d "Seat Belts and Child Restraints"](#)

There are also changes in regulations about living and working in the EEA. National Guidance does not provide information about these.

In addition to the impact on overseas visits, the changes may also have some minor or indirect impact on activity in the UK, including on groups from overseas visiting the UK (such as for an exchange visit), but these do not affect the advice provided in National Guidance.

