

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
**FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**IN CONNECTION WITH THE BREXIT**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is to leave the European Union on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The current draft text of the withdrawal agreement anticipates a transition period lasting until the end of 2020. The draft agreement assumes that the UK citizens living elsewhere in the EU will maintain their existing rights until the end of the transition period. However, it needs to be pointed out that the withdrawal deal talks have not been finalized, and the transition period will only take place if the deal is countersigned by both sides in time and becomes valid before the said date.

For the sake of legal certainty and saving time, and to avoid the necessity of more complicated administrative procedures in the future, **all the UK citizens residing in the Czech Republic** and wishing to maintain their rights after the date of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union are strongly recommended **to apply for Certificate of Temporary Residence**. Although the Certificate of Temporary Residence is not a condition of an EU citizen's stay in the Czech Republic and requesting it is a voluntary decision of an EU citizen, **the document is a clear proof** that its holder is a citizen of the United Kingdom living in the Czech Republic before the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union. The UK citizens who will not have the Certificate of Temporary Residence once the transition period is over, will have to furnish proof that they are subject to the rules stipulated in the withdrawal agreement, which will be a far more complicated process.

The Certificate of Temporary Residence is issued **free of charge**. UK citizens **may apply** for the Certificate of Temporary Residence in the Czech Republic **at any of the offices of the Ministry of the Interior** (for the list of offices visit: <http://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/sluzby-pro-verejnost-informace-pro-cizince-kontakty.aspx>).

For more information see:

<http://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/obcane-eu-a-jejich-rodinni-prislusnici.aspx>