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## Driving abroad post-Brexit in the event of no deal – Green Card

Whilst negotiations continue over Britain's exit from the European Union, a no deal Brexit seems a distinct possibility, meaning that drivers from the UK will need extra documentation to drive in the European Union and the European Economic Area. It is important to note that nothing has been formally agreed at this point, but as long as there is uncertainty organizations should plan accordingly.

The Association of British Insurers (ABI) and Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB) have issued guidance advising that drivers should have a Green Card – an international certificate of insurance – and carry it with them if driving in the European Union, the European Economic Area, Andorra, Serbia, and Switzerland after midnight on the 29th March 2019.

### Why is a Green Card necessary?

Although an agreement between the UK and relevant European insurance authorities was made in May 2018 to waive the need for Green Cards in the event of a no-deal Brexit, to date this agreement has not been ratified by the European Commission.

The Green Card is an international certificate of insurance which is evidence of the minimum level of compulsory motor insurance required by the law of the EEA country in which travel takes place.

You must carry a physical copy of the Green Card (issued on green paper) when travelling, as digital copies are not accepted at present. If you arrive at a Border without a physical Green Card, it is very likely you will not be allowed to drive in that country.

### Trailers

Some countries require separate insurance for trailers, so a separate Green Card may also be required for a trailer. From 28th March 2019 you must register commercial trailers over 750kg and all trailers over 3,500kg before they can travel through countries that have ratified the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic. For more information go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-to-drive-in-the-eu-after-brexit-lorry-and-goods-vehicle-drivers>

### Obtaining a Green Card

We will issue Green Cards on request for approved countries. Please apply for a Green Card at least 4 weeks before the intended date of travel or as far in advance as possible.

Useful information can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prepare-to-drive-in-the-eu-after-brexit/requirements-for-all-uk-citizens-driving-abroad-from-29-march-2019>

<https://www.abi.org.uk/products-and-issues/choosing-the-right-insurance/motor-insurance/travelling-to-the-eu-if-a-no-deal-brexit/>