

# EU-UK Future relationship – Ceemet 'no-deal' planning overview: Sweden

## A track record of speaking up for employers

Since 2016 Ceemet and all its members [have been campaigning](#) for the best deal for manufacturers and ensured that they are in the most informed position to advise the industry on the EU-UK Future Relationship and its impacts.

Despite various calls to negotiators to exclude a 'no-deal scenario, [the last one dates from 12 October 2020](#), 'the signs point towards that direction.

Hence, Ceemet and its members provide [an overview of the 'no-deal' planning](#) that are being made in the member countries with the links directing to the relevant pages. This document provides additional information for one country.

## The Swedish Government proposes that UK nationals must apply for a new residence status

The Swedish Government presented a bill to the Swedish Parliament containing proposals for provisions that supplement the Withdrawal Agreement in Sweden with regard to the right of UK nationals to continue living and working in Sweden. The proposals mean that, among other things, UK nationals and their family members living in Sweden at the end of the transition period, and who want to continue living here, must apply for a new residence status in accordance with Article 18(1) of the Withdrawal Agreement. Residence status confers the rights included in the Withdrawal Agreement.

Residence status will be granted to UK nationals and their family members who at the end of the transition period are living in Sweden under the terms for freedom of movement that apply within the EU. It is not necessary for applicants to actually be present in Sweden exactly at the end of the transition period. Temporary absence that does not affect right of residence is permitted.

A person who is granted residence status will have the right to live and work in Sweden on essentially the same terms that apply to an EU citizen. These terms mean, in brief, that the person in question must:

- be employed or self-employed;
- have sufficient assets and sickness insurance;
- be a family member to another person who meets the requirements; or
- have received right of residence (i.e. have legally lived in Sweden for more than five years, therefore no longer needing to meet any requirements).

A person with residence status who has legally lived in Sweden for five years will, just like an EU citizen, have permanent right of residence here. A person who has received permanent right of residence under the Withdrawal Agreement can only lose it if he or she is absent from Sweden for more than five years.

The Swedish Migration Agency is proposed to be the agency responsible for making decisions concerning residence status. In the ministry memorandum 'Supplementary provisions to the Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union concerning citizens' rights' (Ds 2020:5) it is proposed that those affected should apply for a new residence status within 10 months. An equivalent system is in place for Swedes and other EU citizens residing in the UK.

## Links to information from Swedish authorities

### 1. Business-oriented information

- [Swedish Customs' Brexit information](#)
- [Business Sweden's website](#)
- [Brexit page on Verksamt.se](#)
- [Swedish Companies Registration Office's Brexit information](#)
- [Finansinspektionen's website](#)

### 2. Citizen-oriented information

- [Embassy of Sweden in London](#)
- [Swedish Migration Agency's Brexit information](#)
- [Swedish Tax Agency's Brexit information on population registration](#)
- [Swedish Pensions Agency's Brexit information](#)
- [Arbetsförmedlingen's website](#)
- [Swedish Unemployment Insurance Board's website](#)
- [National Board of Health and Welfare's website](#)
- [Swedish Council for Higher Education's website](#)
- [Swedish National Agency for Education's website](#)

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- Ceemet is a recognised European social partner at the industrial sector level, promoting global competitiveness for European industry through consultation and social dialogue.