



## British Embassy Update

### Internal Market Bill

- The Internal Market Bill does not mean the UK is walking away from negotiations with the EU, nor from the Withdrawal Agreement. The UK government is **fully committed to safeguarding citizens' rights**
- The Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights has been formed between the UK and EU to ensure agreements reached on citizens' rights are correctly implemented, and it continues to work and meet regularly. The **rights of UK nationals in the EU, and EU citizens in the UK, have always been a priority** for the UK government, the Spanish government and the EU

### TIE issues: incorrect wording

- Some TIEs have been issued with **incorrect wording**. This issue has been brought to the attention of the Spanish authorities. They have confirmed they were aware of the issue and have apologised for the administrative mistake
- Although it has **now been corrected**, as there is a delay in the cards being issued and delivered, it is possible that cards with the erroneous wording, currently in the pipeline, will continue to arrive in comisariás for a while yet
- Despite the wording, **these cards are valid**. However, we appreciate that people will want their cards corrected. We are waiting for further information on the proposed process for this

### TIE issues: other

- The Spanish authorities are being kept informed of issues re **lack of appointments** and are working to resolve these issues
- Please **share any further feedback** with Bremain, or directly with the Embassy
- We can confirm that, despite what some organisations and authorities are saying, it is absolutely **not necessary to swap your existing residencia documentation/card for the TIE**. This message will be reiterated to those giving out incorrect information. You can, of course, change your green existing residencia documentation for the TIE, but you are not obliged to do so. The Spanish government have highlighted that obtaining the TIE has advantages – it is more durable and will facilitate administrative processes and external border crossings. But **both the green certificate/card and TIE are valid in proving your residence status and rights under the Withdrawal Agreement**, even after the end of Transition

## Driving licence appointments

- We are aware that it is **still difficult to obtain appointments** to exchange a UK driving licence for a Spanish one and the Embassy are in touch with the Spanish authorities on this issue
- You can **exchange your driving licence in any province**, it does not need to be the one in which you live
- Nothing will change on the recognition or exchange of UK licences before the end of this year. The rules for recognition (using a UK licence in Spain, and a Spanish licence in the UK) and exchange, from 1 January 2021 onwards are still **subject to negotiations**

## Live Facebook events

- Watch out for a series of **live Embassy Facebook events** being hosted over the coming weeks. The table below outlines the schedule proposals, but please note that these are liable to change. Check the **Brits in Spain Facebook page** for the latest information.

Date	Event Theme
30 Sept (13:00)	Healthcare
13 Oct (18:00)	Pensions, benefits, working and driving
27 Oct (13:00)	Travel (incl. EHIC, passports, airport queues)
10 Nov (18:00)	Education (incl. studying in Spain, implications for residency and healthcare)
24 Nov (18:00)	Swallows
1 Dec (18:00)	Residency
8 Dec (18:00)	General