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## NEW RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR BRITISH CITIZENS BENEFICIARIES OF THE BREXIT WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT

After the ending of the transition period on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020, citizens of the United Kingdom residing in Portugal must switch their current residence document, issued whilst citizens of the European Union, for the new residence document created by *Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras* (SEF) which confirms their status of residents under de Brexit Withdrawal Agreement.

In order to attain this document such citizens must registrate on SEF's Brexit portal<sup>1</sup>, so long as they fulfil the following conditions:

1. Be a subject of the United Kingdom;
2. Be in possession of valid passport;
3. Be in possession of residence document issued by Portuguese authorities, such as: EU Citizen Registration Certificate issued by the Town Hall or Permanent EU Citizen Residence Certificate issued by SEF.

To proceed to the registration, citizens must create an access account and introduce their personal data. Once document request is submitted, it will be possible to download a digital document, readable through QR code, containing the registration confirmation, which can be printed and used to prove residence in Portugal while travelling.

Subsequently the citizen will be notified by SEF to schedule an appointment in the Town Hall of the respective residential area to enable the collection of biometrical data, *i.e.*, photograph, signatures, and fingerprints.

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**PARES | Advogados** is available to provide more detailed information on the exceptional and temporary measures foreseen in Decree-Law 10-A/2020, of March 13, that will suit the specific needs of each client, being able to offer all necessary support in this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> [brexit.sef.pt](http://brexit.sef.pt)