



Examples of EU citizens in the UK regarding Professional Qualifications

I'm an Architect, registered in the UK and in Portugal. The only reason I'm allowed to use the title of 'Architect' in the UK and register with the respective body (ARB) is because the mutual recognition of qualifications allows me to. If it wasn't for it, I would never be able to work as a qualified architect, in fact, I would have no degree. I can be certain of it since I have colleagues from (for ex) Poland and Australia, who cannot use the 'Architect' title since the ARB does not recognize their qualifications as they are not covered under any of the mutual recognition agreements. Fundamentally, I'm a project architect and would instantly lose that job if there is no mutual recognition of qualifications.

It is useless for me to be told 'you can stay' unless my qualifications are still recognized. These two things NEED to be part of the package, otherwise being allowed to stay with no job prospects is meaningless.

Furthermore, I see this as the most serious danger: it's almost inevitable that there will be no agreement between the UK and the EU by March 2019. Does anyone know what is the default position on this matter? Or is this another 'no man's land' issue where nobody knows what is the default in case of no deal?...

I am an architect, I qualified in Spain in 2000. I moved to UK and registered with ARB (Architects Registration Board) in 2005 thanks to the European Directive. This allows me to work as a qualified Architect in UK, which I do. It would have a big impact in my family's income if I would not be recognised as an architect after Brexit.

I am an airline pilot. I am flying in the UK on a German licence. Under EASA rules, a licence from any EASA country allows you to fly in any other EASA country. Normally, licences are fully transferable between member states, but because of the way that the German aviation authority stores medical data, I currently can not convert my licence to a British one. If EASA rules cease to apply in Britain and I am no longer allowed to fly British aircraft with my German licence, I will be out of a job.

Anna, EU citizen in the UK. As a bilingual independent researcher, she occasionally works on EU projects or in Europe. She gets jobs on the basis on her professional qualifications as well as professional experience. In research, qualifications are used as a selection criteria. So far her UK MPhil has been highly valued. If it is no longer recognised, she will not only lose an important source of revenue but her professional profile will suffer greatly. Anna is also been contemplating doing a PhD (distance learning from the UK) in Europe in the next few years. Again she will categorically need her qualifications to be recognised as part of her application to an EU university to be accepted as a student.



I am qualifying as an Actuary under the UK system, and was planning on going to the EU to work. Normally, my qualification would be recognized by mutual recognition, but now I am not so sure.

I am a EU qualified dentist and I am working since 2004 here without any explicit exams for recognition of my title here apart from an IELTS [International English Language Testing System] test. My documents were checked by the General Dental Council for validity back then but no exams were required.

The *European Professional Card* was introduced for groups including nurses, pharmacists and some other professions in 2016. It was a process to facilitate recognition of professional qualifications from these groups. It was also intended back in 2014/15 that the programme would be extended to doctors sometime in 2018. This will impact us if the programme is not extended as planned.

I have a Swiss teaching degree (equivalent to a BEd) which allowed me access to my British post-graduate course in literacy and dyslexia. I'm now a specialist teacher, registered with PATOSS [Professional Association for teachers and assessors of students with Specific Learning Difficulties]. I'm concerned that I might be barred from teaching post-Brexit because my original teaching qualification is not British, and such a qualification is a pre-requisite for specialist teaching. How many other Europeans in this country have such a mix of qualifications? There must be thousands!

My veterinary undergraduate degree and European diploma are recognised here and I was allowed to register with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons without a problem. I had to apply through the RCVS to register and other than providing a "Letter of good professional standing" it was intrinsically recognised. I sat the diploma while living here and again it's a recognised qualification.

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