

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
FOR REFUGEES IN GREECE
DUBLIN FAMILY REUNIFICATION
AND BREXIT



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WHAT IS BREXIT?

Brexit refers to the fact that the UK left the EU on 31st January 2020.

WILL BREXIT AFFECT ME?

Even though the UK left the EU on 31st January 2020, there will be a 'transition period' until 31st December 2020. During this transition period, Dublin family reunification will stay the same.

That means that if you have eligible family members in the UK you can still apply for family reunification as normal until 31st December 2020.

IS IT CERTAIN THAT DUBLIN FAMILY REUNIFICATION WILL CHANGE AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2020?

No. The 'transition period' could be extended. However, the British prime minister says he does not want to extend it. If it is going to be extended, a decision must be made before 1st July 2020.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I RECEIVE A DECISION ON MY FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASE AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2020?

If Greece sent a request to the UK to 'take charge' of your asylum case before 31st December 2020, the same Dublin laws apply however if the UK has not answered within 2 months, this does not necessarily mean that they accept. And if you receive a refusal after 31st December 2020 it is not guaranteed that you will be able to request a re-examination in the usual way.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2020?

At the moment this is unclear. The UK has its own laws about refugees and other migrants bringing family members so there will be other legal ways to reunite with family. As things become clearer we will publish more information, so make sure to visit www.refugeelegalsupport.org and check our Facebook for updates as they happen.

THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS OF 1/2/2020 BUT THE LAW IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION: WWW.REFUGEELEGALSUPPORT.ORG