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## Brexit: UK Government makes decision on EU healthcare workers



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- *European Union (EU) health workers can still work in the UK even if it leaves the EU with a no-deal*
  - *Medical staff would not have to reapply for their current work positions*

The **UK health and social secretary** has announced that government legislation has been drawn up that allows health and social care workers with professional EU institute qualifications to continue to work in the **UK after it exits** the [European Union](#) irrespective of if it leaves with or without a deal.

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This legislation enables the estimated **63,000 NHS staff and 104,000 social care workers** who trained and **qualified in the EU**, to still be accept by the regulatory bodies including the General Medical Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Pharmaceutical Council, said [The Department of Health and Social Care \(DHSC\)](#).

It was also confirmed by the government that all **employment contracts** would remain valid nor would EU qualified staff have to reapply for their current work positions.

"My message to EU staff is clear – we all want you to feel valued and stay in the UK. Today's announcement builds on our NHS long-term plan's commitment to recruit and retain a world-class workforce over the long term," said Health and Social Care Secretary, Matt Hancock.

"We would hope for similar confirmation of recognition for those with UK qualifications working in the EU," stated Danny Mortimer, chief executive of **NHS Employers**.

According to [The British Medical Association](#) (BMA) leaving the EU with a no deal in place, will have severe costs for the medical workforce, the supply of medicines and effect the quality of care the NHS can offer. Britain gained an extension to remain in the EU until April 12th due to the Prime ministers withdrawal agreement getting rejected three times in the House of Commons. Since then another extension has been requested until 30 June amidst pressure from some quarters for a second referendum and, from others, a revocation of **Article 50** to cancel [Britain's exit](#) from the EU entirely.

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