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Dear students,

We are providing you some useful information regarding British citizens' rights in the context of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union (Brexit). As you may be aware, Brexit was completed on 31 January 2020. Consequently, the Withdrawal Agreement entered into force on 1 February 2020 and provided a transition period until 31 December 2020.

In light of this, you should know that the British students enrolled in Romanian universities, who physically traveled to Romania before the end of the transition period, but returned to the United Kingdom in 2020 or 2021 and now intend to return to Romania, will benefit from the provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement, irrespective of whether or not they had registered with the immigration authorities prior to the end of 2020.

As such, there are two specific situations in which UK students may find themselves:

- 1. If you came to Romania before the end of the transition period (i.e., by 31 December 2020), you are entitled to reside here but have to apply for the new status and residence documents in Romania, as decided in the context of the Withdrawal Agreement. Please note that you need to apply for the new residence document even if you are already registered in Romania and hold a current and valid residency document.
- 2. If you had not came to Romania by 31 December 2020, (for example, because you have attended/are still attending online classes), you will need to apply through relevant immigration routes for third-country nationals if you intend to come and reside here for the duration of your studies.

In order to apply for the new status in Romania you will need the following documents:

- application form;
- valid border crossing document (e.g. passport) in the original and one copy;
- valid health insurance;
- evidence of legal ownership/rental of the living space (original and duplicate);
- evidence of means of support (can be brought in the form of an affidavit).

If you did not previously register your residence you will also need to provide evidence of your actual presence on the territory of Romania before 31 December 2020. The proof of the

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continuity of the stay lies with the student and can be made by any means of proof by which the actual presence of the applicant on the territory of Romania can be established.

In order to apply for your new residence document, you are kindly requested to provide the necessary supporting documents and personally submit your application, until 31 December 2021, to the territorial units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration.

If you encounter any difficulties following the instructions or if you have any questions regarding your rights you may write to us at the e-mail address: brexit@mailgov.ro.

For further information about the conditions of registration for the status under the Withdrawal Agreement and the necessary supporting documents, kindly check the website of the Ministry of Home Affairs at: https://www.mai.gov.ro/en/british-citizens-in-the-context-of-brexit/.

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