Now out of the EU, when the transition period is over on 1st January 2021 some new rules will apply to British people moving to France. Property buyers will be unaffected by Brexit. It is only if you are planning to move full time after 2020 that you need have any concern at all.

Even those retiring, working or studying in France full-time have until the 31 December 2020 to become resident abroad and keep all their current EU rights.

1. **Right to buy property**
   You can buy and own property in France just as before Brexit. It doesn’t come under EU control. You can rent it out, just the same as an EU citizen too.

2. **Access to health services**
   - **Holiday home buyers**
     During transition: continue to use your EHIC or current reciprocal healthcare arrangements.
     After transition: the EHIC may continue but if not you will need travel insurance.
   - **Retirees / relocation**
     Move before transition ends: continue to use your EHIC, S1 and carte vitale.
     After transition: you may need private health insurance, unless a new EHIC/S1 system is implemented.

3. **Right to residence**
   - **Staying less than 90 days**
     You will not need a visa. Non-EU citizens are allowed free access without a visa for 90 days in every 180.
   - **Staying more than 90 days**
     If you cannot move before the transition period ends, you can apply for a ‘visa de long séjour’ if you’re not working, or a ‘visa salarié/passeport talent’ if you are working.

What about me?

- I’m buying a holiday home
  No problem. Nothing will change.

- I’m moving to France to retire or work, BEFORE 31 December 2020
  No problem. You will NOT need a visa but you will need to register under a new residency scheme by 31st July 2021 as having been present since December 2020.

- I’m moving to France to retire or work, AFTER 31 December 2020
  You MAY need a visa. A range of visas will be available, including a ‘visa de long séjour’ for those not working.

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