



# Prepare for Brexit

## Getting an EORI number

From 1 January 2021, in order to lodge customs declarations in Great Britain you will need an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number that starts with GB.

Many UK VAT registered businesses have been issued an EORI number already, but you will need to apply for one if you do not already have one. Those with an EORI number already should check that it starts with GB. EORI numbers issued in the EU will no longer be valid in Great Britain, GB EORI numbers will also no longer be valid in the EU from 2021.

### Apply for an EORI number

It only takes 5 or 10 minutes to apply for an EORI number.

[Apply now](#)

### Once you've applied

You will receive your new EORI number either straight away or within five working days (if HMRC needs to make more checks). You can check the status of your application **online**.

### If you've forgotten or lost your EORI number

Contact the PwC Customs Intermediary Service team online or by phone on 0300 322 7067. They are available to help Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm (excluding bank holidays). From 1 January 2021, our opening hours are extending to Saturdays and Sundays 9am to 1pm.

### Once you have your EORI number

Your new 'GB' EORI number can now be used to make customs declarations, for both imports and exports. Get in touch with us to let us know what it is.

### To apply, you'll need your

- 1 VAT number and date of registration
- 2 National Insurance number (if you're an individual or a sole trader)
- 3 Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR)
- 4 Business start date and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code
- 5 Government Gateway user ID and password

Find out more at **GOV.UK**

### PwC customs services

 [customs.services@pwc.com](mailto:customs.services@pwc.com)

 **0330 726 0113**

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