
EXPORTING - GETTING AN EORI NUMBER

From 1 January 2021 you need an EORI number to move goods between the UK and the EU.

You can apply for your EORI number in advance. It can take up to a week to get one.

You will not usually need an EORI number if you only:

- provide services
- move goods between Northern Ireland and Ireland
- If you use a post or parcel company they will tell you if you need an EORI number.

You will need an EU EORI number if your business will be making customs declarations or getting a customs decision in the EU. Get this from the customs authority in the EU country where you submit your first declaration or request your first decision.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN EORI

From 1 January 2021 you'll need an EORI number that starts with GB to move goods to or from the UK.

Check your EORI number. Apply for a new one if yours does not start with GB.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

To apply you may need your:

- VAT number and effective date of registration - these are on your VAT registration certificate
- National Insurance number - if you're an individual or a sole trader
- Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR)
- Business start date and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code - these are in the Companies House register
- Government Gateway user ID and password

If you need a Government Gateway user ID, use either:

- the one for your business or organisation
- your own if you're applying as an individual

If you do not already have a user ID, you'll be able to create one when you apply.

To apply for an EORI number see: <https://www.gov.uk/eori?step-by-step-nav=1faad9b3-e5ef-47f6-a3ba-4715e7e4f263>

Written 4th January 2021

Please note that whilst the above is accurate as of the date of publication the situation is very fluid and changes will inevitably occur. We advise that you consult with the government's official guidance for the latest available information.

Every effort will be made to update the following information as new announcements are made and the situation evolves. However, please visit the relevant information sources provided to check the most current information before taking any action as a result of the information provided.

The information which is summarised herein does not constitute professional advice and is general in nature.

*Please [**contact our team**](#) for further detail of how these initiatives could help you and your business.*

