

Brexit and pensions uprating

The government is sending out letters outlining that even if we leave without a deal, pensions for those in the EU will be uprated for a further 3 years – an increase of at least 2.5% annually for the duration of this Parliament, worth up to £200 a year per person.

And pensioners will be told they do not need to do anything to continue receiving their State Pension.

During the 3-year period, the UK government plans to negotiate a new arrangement with the EU to ensure that uprating continues.

Work and Pensions Secretary Dr Thérèse Coffey said:

Pensioners in Europe who have paid into the system for years deserve peace of mind over their future finances.

Not only are we providing much-needed reassurance for hundreds of thousands of retirees, we're ensuring we are fully prepared for leaving the EU on 31 October.

No matter the circumstances of Brexit, we've made sure that pensioners do not need to take any action to continue receiving their hard-earned State Pension.

A new dedicated call centre team based in Newcastle has also been established in order to answer any questions from those affected.

The uprating will also affect those living in the EEA states and Switzerland.

The letters will be sent next week.

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