

Essential information for new arrivals in Derbyshire

United Kingdom (UK) residency



In Derbyshire, there are people from different backgrounds, ages, cultures and religions, who we hope feel they belong to one community. The information provided outlines the key elements of living in a cohesive community, as well as how to engage with various services to make the most for your life in Derbyshire.

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Readers are therefore encouraged to obtain copies of the other leaflets designed to help new arrivals settle into their life within Derbyshire through accessing services available.

Entering and staying in the UK

Many European Union (EU) nationals have the right to enter and live in the UK. Nationals from the EU will have different rights, with some restricted rights in regards to entering and living in the UK. This will depend upon when they joined the EU accession rights.

Immigration status and how it affects your rights can be complicated, as this may be individual to your case. You may wish to consider discussing further with an independent immigration adviser. The UK Border Agency controls many of such immigration laws and regulations.

A8 Countries

Poland · Latvia · Lithuania · Czech Republic · Slovakia · Slovenia
Estonia · Hungary

A10 Countries

A8 plus Malta and Cyprus

A2 Countries

Romania · Bulgaria

Becoming a British citizen

Britain is home to many races and ethnic groups. People of any nationality who live in Derbyshire can comment on the work and policies of the Government and the council. For many, being able to express their vote in elections is an important way of expressing their belonging and involvement to their county and their country. This becomes a strong influence in choosing to apply for citizenship.

To apply, residents will need to provide evidence to demonstrate they haven't been absent from the UK for more than 450 days in 5 years. They will also need to be able to demonstrate good character and a good level of English to understand the multiple-choice questions, e.g. at least Entry Level 1, 2, or 3. For further information visit: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/britishcitizenship.

If successful in your application, you will be invited to a citizenship ceremony. Here you are asked to make an oath or affirmation that you will be a faithful citizen and a formal and public pledge that you will be a loyal subject and observe the laws of this country. You will also be presented with your certificate of British citizenship.

Useful contacts

You are advised that you can attend any of the 46 Derbyshire County Council's state public libraries, which have 400 public PC's with free broadband access. These will assist you in accessing some of the information which is provided on the websites listed below.

For further information on rights living in the UK
www.direct.gov.uk/en/governmentcitizensandrights

For further information from the UK Border Agency
www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk

Some key council services are dealt with by Call Derbyshire
(Derbyshire County Council's contact centre)

Tel: 08456 058058 (weekdays 8am-8pm and Saturdays 9:30am-4pm)
www.derbyshire.gov.uk

If you require this leaflet in Braille, large print or another format,
please write with your request and contact details to:
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or Tel: 0345 123 3333.

www.derbyshire.police.uk

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