

# EXPORTING - GETTING AN EORI NUMBER

From 1 January 2021 you'll 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'll 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) - find your UTR if you do not know it
- 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 guidance [here](#).