

FAQ on Brexit and NCT recognition certificates

Q. How will a 'no deal' Brexit affect the recognition arrangements for recognising unexpired portions of certificates of roadworthiness (MOT certificates) issued by the UK?

A. In the event of a 'no-deal' Brexit and the UK exits the EU on Brexit Date, recognition arrangements for the unexpired portion of certificates of roadworthiness issued by the UK will cease from the departure date in respect of private vehicles being re-registered in the State.

As a consequence, private vehicles being imported from the UK and re-registered in the State from Brexit Date will be subject to a National Car Test in line with the date of registration in Ireland.

The advice to vehicle owners importing and re-registering private vehicles is to check if the vehicle has a valid UK MOT certificate and if so, the owner may submit a roadworthiness certificate recognition application form as soon as possible before Brexit Date to Applus Car Testing with the required documentation.

Q. The vehicle which I have imported from the UK was registered in Ireland before Brexit Date, however I cannot submit my roadworthiness recognition application until after Brexit Date. Will NCTS process my application?

A. Yes- subject to the following requirements:

- The vehicle concerned has been registered in the State before Brexit Date
- The application form is completed; and
- Supporting documentation is provided and valid

Q. The vehicle which I am importing from the UK will be registered in Ireland from Brexit Date or later. Will the NCTS accept and process my roadworthiness certification application?

A. No. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, recognition arrangements for the unexpired portion of certificates issued by the UK for vehicles will cease from Brexit Date.

The vehicle will be subject to a National Car Test in line with the Date of Registration in Ireland.

Q. I am importing a private vehicle from the UK which is less than four years old. Can I apply for a recognition certificate?

A. No. A recognition certificate will only be issued by Applus Car Testing on behalf of the RSA to recognise the unexpired portion of a certificate of roadworthiness issued by another Member State where the vehicle concerned is being re-registered in the State and is in line with Irish testing regulation requirements.

Q. What rules apply to private vehicles 4 years or older which do not have a Certificate of Roadworthiness issued by another country at the time of re-registration?

A. If your imported private vehicle is aged over 4 years old and does not have a valid Certificate of Roadworthiness issued by another EU country or the UK following re-registration in the State then it needs to be tested in line with Irish regulations.

Q. Can I apply for a recognition cert in circumstances that the UK certificate is lost and the UK/NI cert was issued and valid before the UK departure from the EU?

A. An application for a recognition cert must be accompanied with the original or a certified true copy of your out-of-state roadworthiness certificate. It cannot be processed without this. The onus is on the vehicle owner to obtain this from the relevant authorities.

Q. My vehicle was tested in the UK before Brexit Date and has a valid certificate from when the UK was still a member of the EU. However, my vehicle was not registered in Ireland until after Brexit Date. Am I entitled to a recognition certificate?

A. No. Private vehicle owners importing and re-registering private vehicles in the State from Brexit Date will need to be tested at a NCT centre.

Q. Where can I find information about testing a private vehicle?

A. Information can be found on www.ncts.ie

Q. Will the private vehicle import process change in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

A. Information on any changes will be located on www.ncts.ie/1145