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A relative had the following experiences over the last year (1) on one trip leaving the US at airline check in was told don't present British passport as well as American because agent said had no idea how to deal with (2) on a prior trip when British passport expired upon trying to enter UK on American passport border agent said it was wrong to enter with a foreign passport if one was also British- and accepted the British passport for entry. Typically over the years she presents American passport when leaving/entering the USA, and reverse when entering leaving the UK. I keep thinking with the UK ETA rules, plus apparently greater scrutiny by the current US administration, one of these days she will run into some problems- I can just imagine presenting British passport to leave US and some computer flags she did not have a visa in the first place. 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Australian Check in (Airline) show UK passport so they know you can enter the UK Australian Immigration (Departures) - show Aus passport as thats their ;egal requirement to leave Aus UK Immigration (Arrivals) - show UK passport so they know you can legally enter. UK Check in (Airline) show Aus passport so they know you can enter Aus UK Immigration (Departures) - show UK passport, as thats what you entered on Aus Immigration (Arrivals) - show Aus passport so they know you can legally enter. Simple and easy Forum Regular Joined: Jul 2017 Posts: 36 Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Not directly answering the OP's question, but hopefully adding something towards the thread. I did notice that on renewing my UK passport from the US, that a couple of changes had occurred. 1. It was no longer through the Washington DC Embassy, but online through the UK Gov.uk website. 2. 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The woman on duty joked with me, "Come on, where's your UK passport?!" The country of birth is right there on the US passport for all to see, and as I hadn't had it for long at that time, it was obvious that I would have a UK passport. BE Forum Addict Joined: Aug 2013 Posts: 4,646 From: Eee Bah Gum Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Dewey This is a new requirement imposed by the British govt. I'd like to feel reassured I'm not going to be stopped & interrogated by ICE or CBP when I attempt to use Global Entry & my US passport to re-enter the US. It's not a non-event under the current climate Is that not a problem with the USA rather than the UK? If you arrive in the USA and present your US passport they should let you in regardless of whether or not you have an ETA to where you have been recorded on your USA passport. Do you think that the Global Entry system checks where you have been and decides that because you have been in the UK and don't have an ETA on your US passport that there is a problem. To get Global Entry (been there and done that) you have passed the test and interview that you are a reliable, trustworthy US citizen subject only to a minimal passport check on entry. Heading for Poppyland Joined: Jul 2007 Posts: 16,573 From: North Norfolk and northern New York State Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Dewey This is a new requirement imposed by the British govt. I'd like to feel reassured I'm not going to be stopped & interrogated by ICE or CBP when I attempt to use Global Entry & my US passport to re-enter the US. 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Why would I be freaking out I entered the UK 2 years ago using just a Canadian passport and this is what this thread is about. Keep calm and carry on old chap. BE Forum Addict Joined: Aug 2013 Posts: 4,646 From: Eee Bah Gum Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK The last time we visited the USA in 2019, during Trump 1. We had let our GE expire so entered the regular line as US citizens. We were surprised that we were asked the purpose of our visit and how long we planned to stay. I wanted to say, " we are US citizens, we don't need a reason. " but I was good and told him that we were meeting with friends in Florida before taking a Panama Canal cruise and meeting up with our daughter in LA BE Commentator Joined: Feb 2010 Posts: 8,648 From: Los Angeles, California Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by imacd Not directly answering the OP's question, but hopefully adding something towards the thread. 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" but I was good and told him that we were meeting with friends in Florida before taking a Panama Canal cruise and meeting up with our daughter in LA I know what you mean - I always operate on the assumption that they are just engaging in friendly conversation, so give them a broad smile and start talking. If there's a long line, they'll soon cut you off and send you on your way! BE Enthusiast Joined: May 2019 Posts: 477 Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by morpeth That happened to relative of mine recently as well- turnaround time applying from US was very rapid- two weeks or so start to finish. Curious if it'll get slower as we head into summer and more folks living abroad realise they need a passport now with the ETA requirement expanding. 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Joined: Dec 2001 Posts: 53,147 From: Dixie, ex UK Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by postbox134 Curious if it'll get slower as we head into summer and more folks living abroad realise they need a passport now with the ETA requirement expanding. I'll let you know when little Miss P gets her new (first) British passport (birth not previously registered). She sent the application a couple of weeks ago, and was notified earlier this week that they have received her application. They'd likely had it for about a week, so I assume that just meant that they'd just opened the envelope. I'm expecting it back around the end of the month. Last edited by Pulaski; May 15th 2025 at 1:55 am. SUPER MODERATOR Joined: Dec 2005 Posts: 88,829 Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Pulaski He was told to, but the requirement isn't enforced IME. 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Sometimes I used my US passport to enter the UK but that is going to be problematic now since I am not eligible to obtain an ETA (as I have British and Irish citizenship). The key now, as a dual citizen, is to make sure you travel with both US and British passports since you may be challenged to present an ETA and you need to be able to show a British (or Irish) passport to prove that you are ETA exempt. Alternatively, you can get a certificate of entitlement placed in your foreign passport although that's a very expensive option. Last edited by MarylandNed; May 19th 2025 at 5:08 pm. BE Forum Addict Joined: Sep 2010 Posts: 4,827 From: Maryland (via Belfast, Manchester, Toronto and London) Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Dewey What are peoples experiences when you arrive at the airline counter. Eg I book with United Airlines & declare my US passport, show up at the airport & the clerk checks & sees I don't have a UK ETA. 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I have to admit in this current climate I could just imagine if US immigration has the flight manifest showing which passports one used to check in the UK if a British passport used, some zealous immigration agent could pull one aside for questioning. Probably would not happen I know. I do know just a few months ago a relative was told specifically by immigration officer upon arriving it was against the rules for her to enter UK on American passport if she had UK citizenship- and her British passport was expired but they insisted she use that to enter the UK. So officer probably wrong but was an interesting experience. 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Although that is a much more expensive option than simply getting a British passport. Maybe the officer meant that she needs to show a British passport if she doesn't have the certificate of entitlement in her US passport. Last edited by MarylandNed; May 20th 2025 at 3:27 am. Lost in BE Cyberspace Joined: Jul 2016 Posts: 11,246 Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by MarylandNed As long as you leave the US with the US passport on your person, you are covered if you are challenged - I doubt they care which one you checked in with. They really don't have time to check and I doubt it's even an offense. They have many much more important things to worry about. The below link seems to cover the case where an airline might want to use a British passport to ensure that you are ETA exempt. But even then they are unlikely to force you to use it for check-in. They are more likely just to want to see it to ensure that you won't be denied entry in the UK. 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In all the times I have left the US I have never seen, much less spoken to, a USCIS official. Neither have I. BE Commentator Joined: Feb 2010 Posts: 8,648 From: Los Angeles, California Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Pulaski Where do you think that anyone leaving the US would come into contact with a USCIS official? In all the times I have left the US I have never seen, much less spoken to, a USCIS official. True enough. I have seen recent articles that the minions of the dark forces are increasing review of departure manifests. Those manifests are generated by the check in and boarding procedures. In light of Marco Rubio's recent immigration antics, it is interesting to read the published Ruiz-Massieu decision. Back in 1995, Ruiz entered the US in transit to Europe. He was apprehended at departure. BE Forum Addict Joined: Feb 2011 Posts: 3,309 From: WA state Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK £589 for a certificate of entitlement. Somewhat more expensive than a UK passport. It's unclear what the penalty is for not using a UK passport or certificate of entitlement. And how would they even know that someone is a UK citizen? Joined: Dec 2001 Posts: 53,147 From: Dixie, ex UK Re: Dual Nationals ETA experience traveling to UK Quote: Originally Posted by Pulaski On May 16, the day after my previous post, little Miss P received an email saying her passport application had been approved. ..... I am now expecting that she'll have her British passport in her hands by Monday 26th, or maybe sooner .... FedEx has contacted little Miss P re delivery scheduled (signature required) for May 22nd. So the time between email confirming approval to delivery to a US address will be just 6 days! We live in the US. I am British and my wife is American. I know our son is naturally American, as he was born in America to a US Mother, but is he also a British Citizen somehow ? If he is not would it be sensible for me to somehow get him a UK passport etc ? What are the pros and cons ? Could he loose his US Citizenship if I make him a dual national of the UK and US ? Many thanks in advance Gary I don't know the specifics for the UK, but my husband (Canadian) and I have a little girl, also born in the US. She is also a Canadian citizen because her father is Canadian, and as soon as we file for her Canadian citizenship card (we got the paperwork, just haven't sent it in yet) she will have proof that she is. She would be able to have both a US and Canadian passport. And she will not lose her US citizenship. You should check the UK embassy website and see what is required for your son to be recognized as a UK citizen. Take Care. Shelley > > > > > > > > > > > > > > > "Gary" wrote: > We live in the US. I am British and my wife is American. I know our son is > naturally American, as he was born in America to a US mother . . . Actually, your wife's citizenship is irrelevant to this issue. Under US law, =any= child born in the US is automatically a US citizen, no matter what the citizenship or immigration status of the parents. The one and only exception to this is if the parents are foreign diplomats. > . . . but is he also a British citizen somehow ? I believe so. As long as you were born or naturalized in the UK, my understanding is that your children get automatic British citizenship. There are some more complicated rules which would apply if you are a citizen of the UK because you were born outside the UK to a British parent. > would it be sensible for me to somehow get him a UK passport etc ? Sure. Contact a British consulate or embassy. > What are the pros and cons ? Could he lose his US citizenship if I make him a > dual national of the UK and US ? The biggest advantage I can think of is that, when your son grows up, he will have greater flexibility in where he wants to live or work. As a citizen of the UK, he will be able to live/work, not only in the UK, but anywhere in the EU. Nothing you do can nullify your son's US citizenship. Under US law, it doesn't matter if he is also a citizen of the UK; he can keep both citizenships for life. (It is widely believed by Americans that a "born dual" citizen must choose a single citizenship when he/she grows up, but they're all wrong; there isn't anything in current US law to require any such choice.) Note that, according to US law, your son will need to have a US pass- port if he travels abroad. This may mean he'll need two passports, one from each country. Also, he'll have to file a US federal income tax return every year -- though there are provisions in the US tax law which will probably mean he won't have to pay any tax to Uncle Sam if he's living and working full-time abroad. (The US is one of only a handful of countries which claims a potential right to tax foreign-source income of non-resident citizens. The UK, on the other hand, taxes only people who live, and/or have income from, the UK.) Rich Wales *DISCLAIMER: I am not a lawyer, professional immigration consultant, or consular officer. My comments are for discussion purposes only and are not intended to be relied upon as legal or professional advice. > > (snip) > > > > > > > You should also note that you wouldn't be MAKING him a dual national or even a British citizen. If you (the father) are British other than by descent, and you were married to his mother at the time of his birth in the US, then your son is automatically a British citizen, in addition to automatically being a US citizen. No action is needed on your part to activate his British citizenship or to have it conferred upon him. > > > > > > To follow this up, the US State Department's website has a page on dual nation

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Yes, we moved from a 2 bed rental apartment to a small 3 bed rental house but the furniture from our US rental went straight to our new house. The rental in the UK was much smaller than the house we bought so we didn’t need to dispose of any furniture after it arrived. We didn’t bring our beds from the USA or appliances so those items we bought new for the UK rental house and transferred them to our new house when we moved in. Our daughter in 2022 moved from house to house but first moved out of her house to a fully furnished rental and shipped her house furniture while the house was “staged” and sold. I think the staging is an LA or California thing where the agent puts in some temporary furniture, pictures etc before showing prospective buyers. Last edited by durham_lad; Jan 25th 2024 at 7:09 pm. Thread Starter Forum Regular Joined: Jan 2024 Posts: 40 Re: Moving back to UK after 35 years in USA. 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So I can see myself scoping out UK rentals and making contact with some RE agents a few months before my house sells. I think it will be a quick sale given how fast another house on my street recently sold. I imagine I'll have around 6 weeks from my stuff being picked up in the US until it arrives in the UK and I should be able to find an unfurnished rental by then. Then I can take my time finding a permanent home. Thread Starter BE Enthusiast Joined: Oct 2012 Posts: 781 Keeping UK drivers licence valid? My UK drivers licence will expire soon. I would like to keep it renewed and can do this online. I have a doubt about the last bullet point - addresses you've lived last 3 years. I use My Dad's address in the UK for correspondence and have that on the licence. Now if I put an overseas address will it not be approved? Should I just put my UK correspondence address? gov website says:To renew your licence you must: You’ll need: your UK passport (either current or expired within the past 12 months) or the document you used to set up your online immigration status your current driving licence (if you have it) your National Insurance number (if you know it) addresses of where you’ve lived over the last 3 years Thanks Forum Regular Joined: Mar 2022 Posts: 210 From: New York Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? As per my own thread from last year - Dual Driving Licences - your licence is not valid if you live in the US. (I say that loosely and practically, read the thread for more). If you ever move back, just apply for a new one. I'm sure others have more knowledge than I, but this would seem to be fraud which I would not dabble in. You have to make a declaration on the form which would be incorrect. You probably already have a US one, if not I advise getting one. Last edited by porkedpie; Jan 11th 2024 at 12:45 am. Thread Starter BE Enthusiast Joined: Oct 2012 Posts: 781 Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Actually I live in Uruguay but this is the thread I get responses from with similar expat questions. I'll look into it further thanks but certainly looks like I shouldn't renew looking at that thread. Thanks Last edited by alfista1; Jan 11th 2024 at 12:45 am. Joined: Dec 2001 Posts: 53,147 From: Dixie, ex UK Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Yup, as Porkpied said, your British license ceases to be valid after you leave the UK, in practical terms, when you obtain a local license in the country where you live. Because of this, the rules for issuing a renewed licence are designed to prevent a licence being issued to someone living outside the UK, and you would, at least, have to "misrepresent" your situation, if not actually lie, to get a renewed UK driving licence. 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When I converted my licence in Italy they removed a few categories such as driving a light goods vehicle, minibus etc. If I convert my licence back do the DVLC restore those lost categories? Joined: Dec 2001 Posts: 53,147 From: Dixie, ex UK Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Quote: Originally Posted by philat98 When I converted my licence in Italy they removed a few categories such as driving a light goods vehicle, minibus etc. If I convert my licence back do the DVLC restore those lost categories? I would say yes, as you previously had a UK licence, you are not merely swapping an Italian licence for a British one, you're getting your old British licence reissued. I am not sure what would happen if you had lived overseas, had never held a British licence, and had learned to drive in a country that doesn't have separate "all vehicles" (manual) and automatic-only licences, and were eligible to swap your foreign licence for a British one (I believe this to be the case for Canadians), then you would only be able to swap for a British automatic-only licence. And I seem to recall from an old BE thread, that Canadian licences don't even record if you had actually taken your driving test in a manual, so you're stuck having to take a driving test anyway if you want to be able to drive vehicles with a manual transmission. Last edited by Pulaski; Jan 11th 2024 at 3:47 am. Thread Starter BE Enthusiast Joined: Oct 2012 Posts: 781 Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Quote: Originally Posted by Pulaski I would say yes, as you previously had a UK licence, you are not merely swapping an Italian licence for a British one, you're getting your old British licence reissued. I am not sure what would happen if you had lived overseas, had never held a British licence, and had learned to drive in a country that doesn't have separate "all vehicles" (manual) and automatic-only licences, and were eligible to swap your foreign licence for a British one (I believe this to be the case for Canadians), then you would only be able to swap for a British automatic-only licence. And I seem to recall from an old BE thread, that Canadian licences don't even record if you had actually taken your driving test in a manual, so you're stuck having to take a driving test anyway if you want to be able to drive vehicles with a manual transmission. When my wife from Uruguay came to live with me in the UK she had to start all from scratch to get a British licence even though she had been driving for 30+ years. There was no option to swap. Theory, lessons, practical exam etc. Passed after the 2nd driving test luckily - first time she was just so nervous she made some errors due to her brain trained to drive on the other side, not because she couldn't drive properly. Joined: Dec 2001 Posts: 53,147 From: Dixie, ex UK Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Quote: Originally Posted by alfista1 When my wife from Uruguay came to live with me in the UK she had to start all from scratch to get a British licence even though she had been driving for 30+ years. There was no option to swap. .... Same for my wife when she moved to the UK, but in the end she didn't stay in the UK long enough to get around to getting a British licence, and as we lived in London, she really didn't need to drive anyway. 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Then my wife and son will apply (Spanish citizenship works like that for Uruguayans). Son will then have 3 passports and they'll have the freedom of movement in the EU again and I'll have the right to be with them and apply after some years there if we decide to move. Fingers crossed this all goes well. Great to have the option of EU movement again after the Brexit stupidity. DE-UK-NZ-IE-US... the TYP Joined: Mar 2010 Posts: 2,992 Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Quote: Originally Posted by alfista1 My UK drivers licence will expire soon. I would like to keep it renewed and can do this online. I have a doubt about the last bullet point - addresses you've lived last 3 years. I use My Dad's address in the UK for correspondence and have that on the licence. Now if I put an overseas address will it not be approved? Should I just put my UK correspondence address? gov website says:To renew your licence you must:You’ll need:your UK passport (either current or expired within the past 12 months) or the document you used to set up your online immigration status your current driving licence (if you have it) your National Insurance number (if you know it) addresses of where you’ve lived over the last 3 years Thanks have you lived at your Dads over the past 3 years enough to be a UK tax resident? Forum Regular Joined: Jul 2020 Posts: 53 Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? I have lived abroad (mostly USA) since 1992 and am planning to move back this summer. I have a US drivers license and an old pink paper UK drivers license. I’m guessing from previous posts here that I will have to wait until I arrive back in the UK before I can renew/ get a new photo ID version? Will I have to take a test all over again? Thanks in advance. 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Was there any issue with your US? license? Page 2 British Expats > Living & Moving Abroad USA > BE Forum Addict Joined: Aug 2013 Posts: 4,646 From: Eee Bah Gum Re: Keeping UK drivers licence valid? Quote: Originally Posted by RICH How long did it take to get the new licence? Was there any issue with your US? license? It was remarkably quick, certainly less than 2 weeks. Once I had received my new licence I had to post back my old pink licence to the DVLA in Swansea. I was never asked to do anything with my US licence, and when I went back to the USA the following year for a couple of weeks visiting my son I used my new UK licence when hiring a car. That US licence (Texas) has now long since expired. US Immigration, Citizenship and Visas Discuss general US immigration, Citizenship and visa issues here. 67,291 525,220 Hungary Since becoming part of the European Union in 2004 Hungary is becoming "home" to a growing number of British citizens. If you live in Hungary, or are planning to do so, this is the forum for you. 2,072 27,429 Thread Starter BE Forum Addict Joined: Jul 2002 Posts: 3,113 From: Arizona Another Brit store in Phoenix My wife found another Brit food store today. Seeing that there are a few Brits here in AZ on the board, I thought it might be of interest. Bit of Brit, 4727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (602) 200-9394. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays. Of course this is the other British Gourmet Ltd., 7901 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, (480) 994-3837. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Forum Regular Joined: Sep 2003 Posts: 201 They are everywhere...hope yours is a little friendlier than this Midlands lass we have here...She really is a piece of work, and makes no bones about insulting everyone. She thinks she is being funny, but she is not. It is painful to watch at times; hubby says he can go back to England anytime to get her kind of abuse. She's tight fisted to boot! NOW we know why we left Blighty! Thread Starter BE Forum Addict Joined: Jul 2002 Posts: 3,113 From: Arizona The one I shop at semi regular, has a fairly nice guy running it. Always up for a bit of small talk. I found this about the shops online Forum Regular Joined: Jun 2003 Posts: 292 From: Gilbert, Arizona Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by Pimpbot My wife found another Brit food store today. Seeing that there are a few Brits here in AZ on the board, I thought it might be of interest. Bit of Brit, 4727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (602) 200-9394. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays. Of course this is the other British Gourmet Ltd., 7901 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, (480) 994-3837. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. I don't have a lot of cravings these days. When I do, it's often for German goodies (German mother). But I'm better off staying away from those, too. Forum Regular Joined: Jul 2002 Posts: 201 From: Oklahoma USA ex UK I wish you had posted this a week ago, I was in Phoenix, because our Corporate office is on N. 3rd St. I visit fairly regularly and I will nip in and get some marmite, imperial leather soap and a few other bits and peices. I don't know the layout of Phoenix all that well, but I usually stay in the Airport Sheraton in Tempe or the Embassy Suites Biltmore, is this store near either of those? Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by Pimpbot My wife found another Brit food store today. Seeing that there are a few Brits here in AZ on the board, I thought it might be of interest. Bit of Brit, 4727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. (602) 200-9394. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays. Of course this is the other British Gourmet Ltd., 7901 E. Thomas Road, Scottsdale, (480) 994-3837. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. 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If you have the address of both hotels handy, just type that and the shop addresses into www.mapquest.com BE Forum Addict Joined: Mar 2003 Posts: 1,296 From: Florida Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by Patent Attorney I wish there was a decent butcher's shop selling traditional Brit meats in the DC metro area. Maybe there is, does anyone have any tips on this? Irish sausages and bacon would be GREAT too. Sure miss decent bacon and sausages. Try this site- they sell meat and their other British goods are very reasonable compared to our local Brit shops- I do a lot of my Brit shopping from Goodwoods. Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by Taffyles Try this site- they sell meat and their other British goods are very reasonable compared to our local Brit shops- I do a lot of my Brit shopping from Goodwoods. Cheers! I will check them out! Forum Regular Joined: Sep 2003 Posts: 60 From: Glendale, AZ Thx Pimpbot. I've used British Gourmet before, and I'll check the other one out the next time I'm over. Rock Goddess Joined: Jan 2003 Posts: 1,429 From: Connecticut USA Thanks Pimpbot...I checked out that store Bit of Brit this morning on my way home from work. Unfortunately, it being a Sunday, it was closed but at least I now know where it is. I live just a couple of blocks from there. It looked quite a cute store so I look forward to going inside. I was hoping to find some Indian spices or curry mix as I am having trouble getting Garam Masala. I've bought a load of lother spices and now I have a Butter Chicken currently bubbling away on the stove! BE Enthusiast Joined: Oct 2003 Posts: 961 From: Arizona Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by Pimpbot My wife found another Brit food store today. Seeing that there are a few Brits here in AZ on the board, I thought it might be of interest. Bit of Brit, 4727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. 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Maybe there is, does anyone have any tips on this? Irish sausages and bacon would be GREAT too. Sure miss decent bacon and sausages. Not too far from DC, there is an Irish shop in Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, that sells Irish sausages and bacon + other stuff. Snags about $7 for a pack of 8 Forum Regular Joined: Nov 2003 Posts: 55 From: Philadelphia, PA Re: Another Brit store in Phoenix Quote: Originally posted by effi We used to have a good one in Philly. It was half-way between my house and where I worked. The guy who owned it was from Yorkshire and was a baker by trade, so as well as having all the usual stuff, he also had home made sausage rolls, pasties, steak and kidney pies etc which he baked on the premises. Needless to say I spent a lot of $$$$$$$$$$ in that store. The one here on Thomas is pretty good, the guy who runs it sure likes to talk though, it is hard to get out of there sometimes without being rude. ooh...so does this shop in Philly still exist? and if so, where can I find it? Thread Starter Joined: Aug 2024 Posts: 1 How are you treated for being British? Hello, at some in the future I might want to go a live in the United States if I can somehow get a visa. I would just like ask how are you treated when people find out you are English/British (im really asking English people here since Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish are general viewed very differently) As you know we English have a bad reputation the world over (quite deserved in a lot of ways) Do people treat you badly when they find out you are English/British Do you get a lot of hate for your accent? Do you get a lot of abuse about things like colonialism, the royal family, food, teeth etc? Is it hard to make friends if you are English/British in a America? Is it social stigma for being English/British? Does being English/British make it harder to date someone? Does being English/British make it harder to get job even if you have the correct visa? The reason I'm asking these is that the Internet and social media is widespread of Americans hating on British people and all things British (food, accents, monarchy, looks, culture). I've never been to America so I want know is it the same in real life? Social media makes it sound like why would any british person ever step foot in America let alone live there. Please give your experiences whether good bad. Thanks Concierge Joined: Jan 2013 Posts: 21,503 From: Western Australia Re: How are you treated for being British? There are over 330 million people in the US. A tiny proportion of them may have an entrenched attitude, either favourable or unfavourable, towards those things you mentioned. The vast majority couldn't care less and don't single out people born in England for special treatment. If you go looking for sensationalist stories on social media, you'll find them. Suggest you give that a miss. Last edited by spouse of scouse; Aug 29th 2024 at 5:11 pm. BE Enthusiast Joined: May 2019 Posts: 477 Re: How are you treated for being British? Never really had a problem personally - if anything it's a conversation starter albeit a repetitive one. I find a lot of Americans like to talk to you about the time they went to London or whatever. However, being English does make you look American enough, so most folks will leave you alone I don't feel like an 'outsider' British food is re-occurring one, but once I've made a nice pie/roast/pasty/whatever for someone they usually change their tune. Home and Happy Joined: Dec 2002 Posts: 94,157 From: Keep true friends and puppets close, trust no-one else... Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Galaxycentre Social media makes it sound like why would any british person ever step foot in America let alone live there. Substitute "America" with Australia, Spain, Canada, Italy or just about any other country in the world and do a social media search. Same result. Every country has people who dislike the British, or who just dislike foreigners in general (19 years in Australia taught me that) and every country has people who don't give a monkey's where you came from! BE Forum Addict Joined: Feb 2011 Posts: 3,309 From: WA state Re: How are you treated for being British? The hate for British people in the USA is tiny in comparison to the hate for the USA in Britain. People's reaction to finding out I am British tends to be indifference, but every now and then someone will be enamored with my horrible estuary accent. BE Forum Addict Joined: Jan 2016 Posts: 1,320 Re: How are you treated for being British? I was asked once by a nurse if we speak English in the U.K. Do not worry, most do not know where U.K. or Ireland are on a map, know they exist, or who was fought against in the War of Independence. Education in some regions really is that pi$$ poor. BE Forum Addict Joined: Jan 2016 Posts: 1,320 Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Galaxycentre Does being English/British make it harder to date someone? No, emphatic no! Settled down now but in my 'yoof' it was an incredible bonus.... Deep in the woods of CT Joined: Feb 2010 Posts: 7,277 Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Galaxycentre I've never been to America If you are contemplating living here, the best thing you can do is actually visit the country. It's a big place and the various areas are very, very different from one another. Joined: Dec 2006 Posts: 19,502 Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Galaxycentre ... at some in the future I might want to go a live in the United States...I've never been to America What? BE Forum Addict Joined: May 2023 Posts: 3,042 Re: How are you treated for being British? There's something very familiar about the OP. Deep in the woods of CT Joined: Feb 2010 Posts: 7,277 Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Finknottle There's something very familiar about the OP. I think you’re right! Especially considering that the post was made during the night in the UK! SUPER MODERATOR Joined: Oct 2007 Posts: 34,856 From: In a darkened room somewhere..... Re: How are you treated for being British? Quote: Originally Posted by Finknottle There's something very familiar about the OP. Yup. Daft troll back again, now banned once more. He REALLY needs to find a hobby! Sorry folks. Thanks to those of you that kindly took the time to respond. Last edited by christmasoompa; Aug 30th 2024 at 8:17 am.

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