



Emergency Return to the UK

If you live in a country where political unrest is a consideration, it may be that you choose (or are forced) to return to the UK without a great deal of time to plan. It could also be that you need to spend a temporary period in the UK whilst the political situation in your overseas location has time to resolve and settle.

To follow is a short overview of the considerations which you may need to bear in mind, from a financial point of view, if you return to the UK in haste:

- If you have travelled to the UK out of concerns for your security, it may be possible to preserve your non-resident status by arguing that your time in the UK is as a result of "exceptional circumstances". This is more likely to be the case where evacuation has been recommended, but each case should be reviewed on its merits.
- If your presence in the UK is likely to be prolonged and you wish to try to remain non-resident, it might be advisable to spend some time outside of the UK (perhaps in another European country)
- If you spend 183 days in the UK in any UK tax year you become resident regardless of the reasons for your presence in the UK. This should be planned for carefully - we can help.
- If you have any concern that you might trigger residence in the UK do contact us for advice immediately.
- We can help you consider how best to defer becoming resident and what steps can be taken before the end of the current tax year to reduce any exposure to UK tax.
- If you do become resident, there are plenty of ways of reducing your exposure to tax through the use of pension planning and tax-efficient investment planning techniques.

Obviously your first concern will be the safety of you and your family, but when you do come to consider your financial position, please get in touch for personal advice.

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