

Key dates on Britain's road to Brexit

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is moving ahead with Brexit, and wants to negotiate a trade deal with the European Union by the end of 2020



Dec 12: Boris Johnson's Conservative Party wins large election majority

Jan 31: UK due to leave EU.



Start of transition period. UK-EU relations virtually unchanged to allow time to agree new free trade deal

Jun: UK and EU "high-level" conference to take stock of progress on negotiations. **Deadline for UK request to extend transition period by end of month**

Jan 1: Any new deal reached with Brussels takes effect. **If no deal is reached, trade reverts to WTO rules, with likelihood of tariffs and checks on goods**



2019
DEC

Dec 19: State opening of Parliament. Prime Minister planning to present his ***Withdrawal Agreement Bill*** to House of Commons on following day



2020
JAN

Jan: Bill debated and eventually passed into law. EU Parliament expected to ratify withdrawal agreement



FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

Mar: Negotiations with EU on free trade agreement expected to begin.

JUN

Michel Barnier (right) to lead EU team



JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

Talks will also need to cover security, data sharing and foreign policy issues

DEC

Dec 31: End of transition period unless extended

2021
JAN

