Brexit Timeline

2016
- 23 June: The UK votes in favour of leaving the EU
- 13 July: Theresa May becomes Prime Minister
- 19 June: Phase 1 Brexit negotiations begin

2017
- 29 March: Article 50 is officially triggered
- 24 July: The UK government publishes its White Paper on future UK/EU relations
- 19 March: The EU publishes draft agreement on the withdrawal
- 26 June: The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill receives Royal Assent and becomes an Act of Parliament

2018
- 17 October: The European Council meets as an EU27 (i.e. without the UK) format to discuss Brexit
- 14 November: UK and EU negotiations agree text for a Brexit Withdrawal Agreement and an outline Political Declaration on the Future UK/EU relationship
- 25 November: At a special meeting of the European Council, EU27 leaders endorse the draft Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration before Parliament under section 13(1)(a) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act
- 26 November: The UK government lays the draft Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration before Parliament
- 13-14 December: EU summit

2019
- 13 March: MPs reject (by 391 votes to 242) the Prime Minister’s Brexit deal for second time by a majority of 149
- 14 March: MPs vote on a number of Brexit motions with the main government motion on delaying Brexit passed unamended
- 21 March: The European Council meets to consider the UK request for an Article 50 extension
- 29 March: MPs reject the Withdrawal Agreement for the third time
- 8 January: The UK government suffers a Commons defeat over its planning for a no-deal Brexit
- 9 January: Start of a second five-day Brexit debate in Parliament
- 11 January: EU governments (represented by the Council of the EU) formally authorise the signing of the Withdrawal Agreement
- 15 January: At the close of the fifth day of debate, MPs reject Theresa May’s Withdrawal Agreement by 432 to 202, the biggest loss in modern parliamentary history
- 9 April: MPs vote (by 420 to 10) to back the Prime Minister’s proposal to push back the UK’s scheduled departure date from April 12 to June 30
- 10 April: At the emergency EU Summit in Brussels, EU leaders agree to delay Brexit for up to six months, setting a deadline for Britain to leave the bloc of 31 October 2019
- 24 September: The UK government suffers a Commons defeat over its planning for a no-deal Brexit
- 23 January 2020: UK leaves EU and enters transition period under Withdrawal Agreement

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- 31 January 2020: UK leaves EU and enters transition period under Withdrawal Agreement
- 17-18 October: EU Council Meeting, Brussels. EU agrees terms of a new Brexit deal with Boris Johnson
- 28 October: EU agrees to grant a further “flextension” setting the UK’s exit date at the first day of the month following the ratification of Boris Johnson’s renegotiated withdrawal agreement or on 31 January 2020, whichever is the earlier
- 29 October: In an effort to dispel the paralysis caused by a minority government unable to pass legislation, the House of Commons votes (by 438 to 20) for a General Election on 12 December...