

Note to EEA applicants on Brexit:

The UK is expected to leave the EU on 29 March 2019. If a deal is reached between the UK and EU the Withdrawal Agreement will apply and its provisions, including a transition period until December 2020, will allow EEA nationals coming to the UK to apply for settlement and retain their current rights.

If there is no agreement there will be no transition period and new arrangements will apply to EEA nationals coming to the UK after 29 March 2019. It will still be possible to come to the UK on foot of an EEA passport or national ID but in order to stay for more than 3 months it will be necessary to apply for [European Temporary Leave to Remain](#). This will give leave to remain for three years. To stay more than three years it will be necessary to obtain immigration status under the new immigration system planned for 2021. At present we have no detail on how these processes will work or how much they will cost.

EU settlement scheme.

The settlement scheme allows EEA nationals in the UK by 29 March 2019 or, in the case of a transition period, by December 2020, to apply for either pre-settled or settled status. If the applicant has lived continuously for 5 years or more in the UK they will be eligible for settled status. If the applicant has not been in the UK continuously for five years pre-settled status will be granted for five years to allow time to move to settled status. Both types of status protect the rights enjoyed by EEA nationals exercising treaty rights in the UK and there is no need to obtain immigration status under the new immigration system.