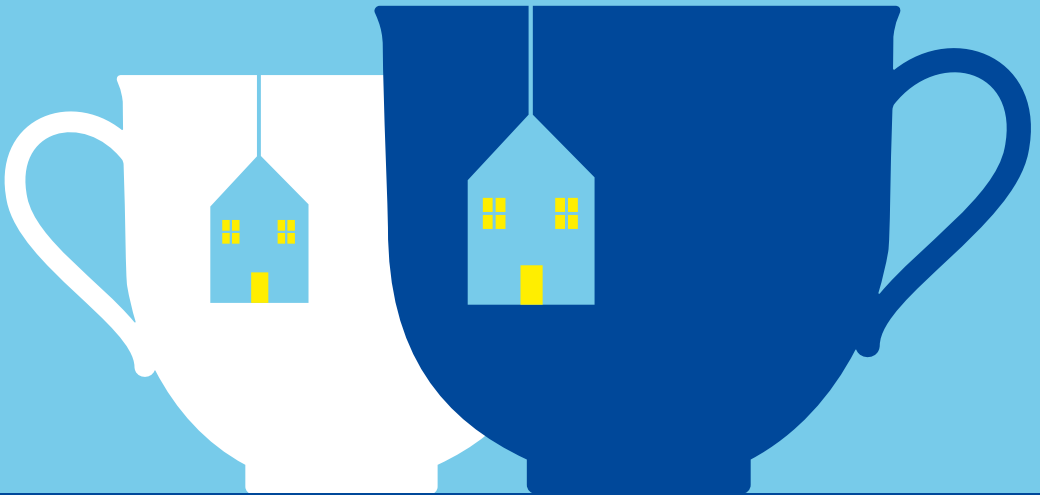




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# EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME IMPORTANT INFORMATION



If you are an EU citizen<sup>1</sup>, you and your family members are able to apply to the **EU Settlement Scheme** to continue living in the UK.

For more information on the EU Settlement Scheme, including the support available, visit [gov.uk/eu-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status)





## What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

**The EU Settlement Scheme** allows you and your family members to get the immigration status you will need to continue to live, work and study in the UK. This status means you can continue to be eligible for:

- public services, such as healthcare and schools
- public funds and pensions
- British citizenship, if you meet the requirements and want to apply.



## Who is eligible?

**The EU Settlement Scheme** applies to EEA and Swiss citizens:

Austria  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Republic of Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Germany

Greece  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland<sup>2</sup>  
Italy  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Netherlands

Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland



If you have a UK **permanent residence document** you will still need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. You do not need to apply if you have **indefinite leave to remain or enter**, but you can if you want to. Visit **GOV.UK** to find out more about your rights in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme.

- 1 EU citizens used throughout refers to EEA and Swiss nationals, who are all eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.
- 2 Irish citizens do not need to apply, though they are able to do so if they want to. Non-Irish, non-British family members of Irish citizens will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if they want to stay in the UK after 31 December 2020.



## Family members of eligible EU citizens

Non-EU family members living in the UK by **31 December 2020**<sup>3</sup> are eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Close family members who are not living in the UK by **31 December 2020**<sup>4</sup> will be able to join their EU family member in the UK at **any point in the future**<sup>5</sup>, as long as the relationship still exists.



Close family members include spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners and dependent children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents. Family members do not need to be from the EU, they can come from anywhere in the world (known as non-EU family member).



## How to apply?

You need to complete a **short online application form** using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. The application will ask for basic information like your name, address, contact details and nationality. Your application saves automatically, so if you want to, you can start and then complete it at another time. It is **free to apply** to the EU Settlement Scheme.



Application guidance can be found on **GOV.UK**. Once you have read the guidance, start your application at **[gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/apply-eu-settled-status)**.

3 Or the date the UK leaves the EU, in the event of a no deal.

4 Or the date the UK leaves the EU, in the event of a no deal.

5 Or until 29 March 2022, in the event of a no deal.



## Proof of identity

Verify **your identity** and nationality using your passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card (if you are a non-EU citizen). You can either scan your identity document using an Android device, send in your identity document by post or visit a location providing access to the ID document scanning service. A list of locations can be found at [gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations](https://www.gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations). You will also have to upload a digital photo of yourself.



## Proof of residence

Prove **your residence** in the UK by providing your National Insurance number, if you have one. In some cases, you may need to provide additional documentation. You can upload these to your application.



## Criminality check

Complete the **criminality check** by declaring any criminal convictions. Only serious or persistent criminality will affect your application.



Successful applicants will get **digital proof** of their status through an online service. In most cases your new immigration status will be granted within a couple of weeks. You can track the progress of your application online. Once you receive your status, details will be provided on how to access it on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). You will not get a physical document unless you are from outside the EU and do not already have a biometric residence card.

## Pre-settled status

If you receive **pre-settled status**, also known as limited leave to remain or enter, this means you can stay in the UK for a period of five years. This will allow you to remain in the UK until you are eligible for settled status, generally once you have lived continuously in the UK for five years.

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## Settled status

If you receive **settled status**, also known as indefinite leave to remain or enter, this means there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the UK. You can go on to apply for British citizenship if you meet the requirements and want to apply.



### When can I apply?

The EU Settlement Scheme is open and you have until **30 June 2021**<sup>6</sup> to apply. Your rights will remain unchanged until then, provided that you were resident in the UK by **31 December 2020**<sup>7</sup>.

6 Or 31 December 2020, in the event of a no deal.

7 Or the date the UK leaves the EU, in the event of a no deal.



## Where can I find out more?

Visit the website [gov.uk/eu-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/eu-settled-status) to:

- access the application guidance
- start your application
- find out about next steps and citizenship



## Support

If you have individual questions about your application, you can contact the EU Settlement Scheme Resolution Centre by calling **0300 123 7379** or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK. Find out about call charges on [gov.uk/call-charges](https://www.gov.uk/call-charges).

You can also ask a question using the online submission form [eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk](https://eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk).



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