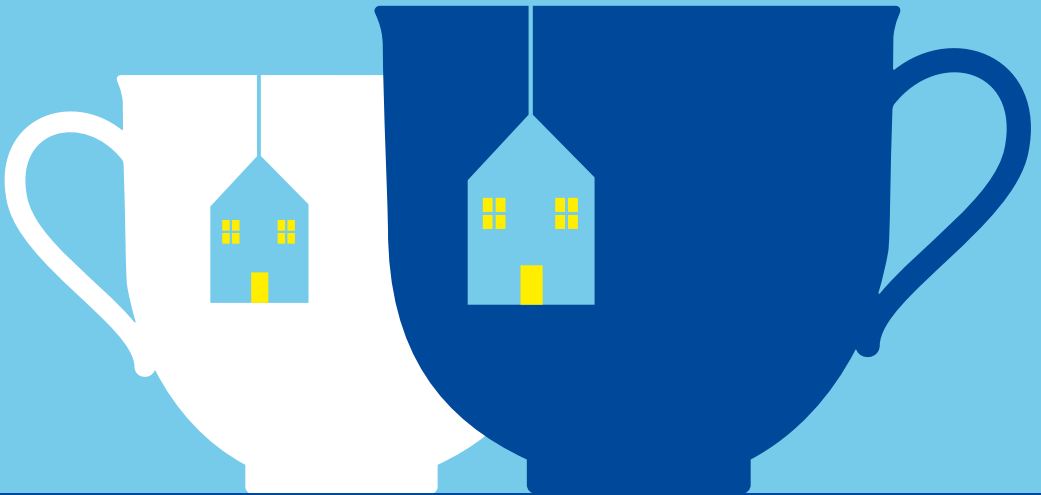


EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME THE APPLICATION



If you are an EU citizen¹, 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.



The application

You will need to complete a **short online application form** using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. It is free to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Your application saves automatically, so if you want to, you can start your application 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)**.

¹ EU citizens used throughout refers to EEA and Swiss nationals, who are all eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.



When you apply

You will need the following to complete your application:

- ✓ Access to the internet on a computer, tablet or smartphone
- ✓ A valid passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card (if you are a non-EU citizen)
- ✓ A recent digital photograph of yourself or the ability to take one using a mobile phone or camera
- ✓ Your National Insurance number, if you have one
- ✓ You may need to provide proof of residence, for example bank statements, utility bills and pay slips. For a list of suggested evidence that is accepted visit gov.uk/eu-evidence-of-residence.

You can get support over the phone or in person if you need online assistance.



For more information on application support visit **GOV.UK**.



Proof of identity

You will need to prove your identity and nationality using a valid passport or national identity card. If you are a non-EU citizen you can use a valid passport or biometric residence card. If you do not have any of these documents, alternative evidence of identity and nationality may be accepted in some circumstances.

You will need to provide a digital photo of yourself which will be checked to make sure it matches the photograph on your identity document. Non-EU citizens will also need to provide fingerprint biometrics if they have not already done so, for the purposes of being issued a biometric residence card.



You can use the EU Exit: ID Document Check app to prove your identity. If for any reason you are unable to complete the check using the app, you can send in your identity document to the Home Office by post, or you can 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).



Proof of residence

There are a number of ways to provide evidence of your residence. Providing your National Insurance number (if you have one) should help you prove your residence in the UK. It will help tell us whether you are eligible for settled or pre-settled status.

There may be cases where residence cannot be proven automatically in this way and we may require additional evidence. If that happens, do not worry. You can easily submit further evidence online by uploading photos or scanning your documents into your application. For a list of suggested evidence that is accepted visit gov.uk/eu-evidence-of-residence.



Criminality check

You will be asked to declare any criminal convictions. Only serious or persistent criminality will affect your application. This will not affect the vast majority of EU citizens and their family members.



Approval

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://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.



Where can I find out more?

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

- read 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 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



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