

EU Settlement Scheme

Important information for EU citizens in the UK



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If you're a European Union (EU) citizen living in the UK, you and your family need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if you want to continue living here after 31 December 2020.

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The **EU Settlement Scheme** will allow you and your family to continue to live and work in the UK. It will mean you are 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?

EU citizens of:

 Austria	 France	 Malta
 Belgium	 Germany	 Netherlands
 Bulgaria	 Greece	 Poland
 Croatia	 Hungary	 Portugal
 Republic of Cyprus	 Ireland	 Romania
 Czech Republic	 Italy	 Slovakia
 Denmark	 Latvia	 Slovenia
 Estonia	 Lithuania	 Spain; or
 Finland	 Luxembourg	 Sweden.



Family members of eligible EU citizens.

Non-British family members living in the UK by 31 December 2020 are eligible. Close family members not living in the UK by **31 December 2020** will be able to join their EU family member in the UK at any point in the future, as long as the relationship still exists. Children born or adopted after **31 December 2020**, and future dependents, will also have their rights protected. Family members who are not EU citizens will need to show their relationship to an EU citizen living here.



Did you know: *You will not need to apply if you're an Irish citizen but your family members from outside the UK and Ireland will.*

Rights for citizens of  Norway,  Iceland,  Liechtenstein and  Switzerland are still being negotiated.

Residents of the UK by **31 December 2020**: If you have been a resident in the UK for **more than 5 years** you will be eligible for **settled status**. If you have been a resident for less than 5 years you are eligible for **pre-settled status**.

Those who do not pose a serious criminal or public security risk: You will be required to declare any serious criminal convictions. This will not affect the overwhelming majority of EU citizens and their family members.

Who are “close family members”?

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

How do I apply?

To get settled status or pre-settled status, you will need to fill in a **short application form online** using a computer, tablet or smartphone. You will be able to get support over the phone or in person if you need help doing things online. The form will ask for basic factual information like names, addresses and reference numbers such as your passport, national identity card or National Insurance numbers.

The application process



1. Verify **proof of identity** and nationality by uploading a photo of yourself. You can either self-verify your EU passport or National Identity card online or alternatively, you can send relevant documentation by post.



2. Confirm **proof of residence**. Providing your National Insurance number may be sufficient. Alternatively, other documentation may be provided.



3. Complete the **criminality check** by declaring criminal convictions.



- Provide **payment** details, if required.

Successful applicants will get proof of their status through an online service. You will not get a physical document unless you are from outside the EU and do not already have a biometric residence card.

How much does it cost?

It will cost **£65** and **£32.50** for children under 16. It will be free to apply if:

- you already have valid indefinite leave to remain or a valid permanent residence document
- you're applying to move from pre-settled status to settled status

When can I apply?

The Scheme will be phased in later this year, and will gradually open more widely until it is fully open by the end of **March 2019**. But there is no rush – those who are resident here by **31 December 2020** will have until **30 June 2021** to make an application. Your rights will remain unchanged until then, provided that you were resident in the UK by **31 December 2020**. There is also no quota for applications.

Where can I find out more?



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