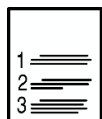




EU

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, residing in the UK since before **31 December 2020**, you and your family need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK.



scheme

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The EU Settlement Scheme allows you and your family members to get the immigration status you need to continue to live, work and study in the UK beyond **30 June 2021**. This status means you can continue to be eligible for:



eligible

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



apply

Who should apply?

Except in a few cases, EEA and Swiss citizens, who have lived in the UK since before **31 December 2020**, and their non-EU family members, need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.



apply

EEA countries and Switzerland:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Republic of Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland



irish

Irish citizens do not need to apply, but they can if they want to. Their non-Irish, non-British family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if they want to stay in the UK. A family member of a relevant person of Northern Ireland is also able to make an application to the scheme.



apply

Even if you have lived in the UK for many years or you have a UK permanent residence document, you 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.



What about family members of EU citizens?

Non-EU family members who are not UK citizens or have indefinite leave to remain also need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if they have been living in the UK since before 31 December 2020.

Close family members who have **not been living** in the UK since before **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 and
- their EU family member has been a resident of the UK since before **31 December 2020** and usually has successfully applied to the scheme by **30 June 2021**



Close family members are: 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.



Children need to secure an immigration status as well as adults. For information about applying on behalf of children visit:

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/apply-settled-status-for-child



How do I apply?

You need to complete a **short 3-step online application** form using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Your application saves automatically, so if you want to, you can start and then complete it at another time. Once you have made an application for yourself, this can be linked to your family member's application, using your unique applicant number.



How much does it cost?

It is **free** to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Application guidance can be found on GOV.UK :

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status



ID

What proof of identity do I need?

Step 1 of your application: verify your identity and nationality using your passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card (if you are a non-EEA citizen). You can either:

- scan your identity document using the EU Exit: ID Document Check app on compatible iPhone and Android phones
- send in your identity document by post
- visit a location providing access to the ID document scanning service
- upload a digital photo of yourself



residence

Proof of residence

Step 2 of your application: prove your residence in the UK by providing your National Insurance number, if you have one. In some cases, you may need to upload additional documents to your application, for example if you do not have a National Insurance number.



check

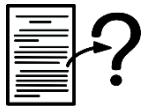
Criminality check

Step 3 of your application: complete the criminality check by declaring any criminal convictions. Only serious or persistent criminality will affect your application.



successful

Successful applicants will get digital proof of their status through an online service. You will not get a physical document unless you are from outside the EEA and do not already have a biometric residence card. You can track the progress of your application online.



outcome

What outcome can I expect?

- **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. Then you can apply for **settled status**.



5 years

- **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.



settled



UK

You can go on to apply for British citizenship if you meet the requirements and want to apply.

Both **pre-settled status** and **settled status** allow you to continue to live, work and study in the UK.



When can I apply?

You can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme now and the deadline is **30 June 2021**. Your rights will remain unchanged until then, provided that you have been a resident in the UK since before **31 December 2020**.



What Support is available to me?

If you need help to complete your application, including, there are a variety of ways you can receive this -

- **EU Settlement Scheme Resolution Centre**

For questions about your application call 0300 123 7379.

You can also ask a question using the online form.

- **Translated information**

The guidance on the EU Settlement Scheme has been translated into 25 European languages and Welsh:

- Settled status for EU citizens and their families: translations
- EU Settlement Scheme: translated information materials

- **Assisted Digital**

This free service is available over the phone and in person if you do not have the right access, skills or confidence to complete the online application form. Contact We-Are-Digital by calling 03333 445 675.

To check availability of this service or for more information visit Assisted Digital.

- **ID document scanning service**

This service is available to complete the proof of identity step if you do not have access to the EU Exit: ID Document Check app. There may be an administrative fee to use this service. To check availability of this service and for more information, see the list of scanner locations.

- **Community organisations**

If you need more support with your application, contact a nearby community organisation. For more information, see Get help applying to the EU Settlement Scheme.