EU Settlement Scheme
The application
In line with the draft Withdrawal Agreement, if you are an EU citizen*, you and your family members will be able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020. The information in this leaflet relates to the scheme when it fully opens by 30 March 2019.

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?
The EU Settlement Scheme allows you and your family members to continue to live, work and study here in the UK. It means you 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 fill in a short online application form using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. You will be able to access the application on GOV.UK when the EU Settlement Scheme fully opens by 30 March 2019.

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 photograph of yourself or the ability to take one using a mobile phone or camera
- Your National Insurance number, if you have one

Did you know: You may need to provide proof of residence, for example P60s, bank statement and utility bills. For a list of suggested evidence that is accepted visit GOV.UK.

Did you know: You will able to get support over the phone or in person if you need online assistance. For more information on application support visit GOV.UK.

*EU citizens used throughout refers to EEA and Swiss nationals, who are all eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.
Proof of identity
You will be required to prove your identity and nationality. EU citizens must have a valid passport or national identity card; non-EU citizens must have 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 exceptional circumstances.

To ensure that it is you applying to the EU Settlement Scheme, you will need to provide a 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 under existing EU law processes.

Did you know: 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.

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.

Did you know: There may be cases where residence cannot be proven automatically in this way and we may require additional evidence. If that happens, don’t worry. You will be told if you need to give any further evidence which you can easily submit online by uploading photos or scanning your documents into your application. For a list of suggested evidence that is accepted visit GOV.UK.

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. Subject to the application checks, you will be granted settled or pre-settled status, depending on how long you have lived here. In most cases your new immigration status will be granted within a couple of weeks. Once you receive your status, details will be provided on how to access it on GOV.UK.

Did you know: 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?

GOV.UK
Visit the website gov.uk/eu-settled-status to:
- get email alerts
- get more detail on the EU Settlement Scheme
- find out about next steps and citizenship