EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family members need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK beyond 30 June 2021.

For more information and to apply, visit gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

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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 able to:

- work in the UK
- use the NHS for free, if you can at the moment
- enroll in education or study in the UK
- access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if you’re eligible for them
- travel in and out of the UK
- British citizenship, if you meet the requirements and want to apply

Who should apply?

Except in a few cases, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 and their family members, need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

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

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 enter or remain, but you can if you want to.

* 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.
Family members of EU citizens

Non-EEA family members living in the UK by 31 December 2020 also need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Close family members who are not living in the UK by 31 December 2020 will be able to join their EEA family member in the UK at any point in the future, if they meet the requirements such as:

• the relationship still exists; and

• their EEA family member was resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 and usually has successfully applied to the scheme by 30 June 2021

Close family members are spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, children, grandchildren, dependent parents and grandparents. Family members do not need to be from EEA Member States 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 gov.uk/apply-settled-status-for-child

How to apply

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

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/eusettlementscheme
Proof of identity

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

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

To check availability of this service and for more information, visit [gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations](http://gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations).

You will also have to upload a digital photo of yourself.

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.

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 applicants will get digital proof of their status through an online service: [gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status](http://gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status). 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.
Pre-settled status
If you receive **pre-settled status**, also known as limited leave to enter or remain, this means you can stay in the UK for a period of 5 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 5 years. Then you can apply for settled status.

Settled status
If you receive **settled status**, also known as indefinite leave to enter or remain, this means there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the UK. You can 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 beyond 30 June 2021.

Apply now
You should apply to the EU Settlement Scheme now. The deadline is **30 June 2021** for those who were resident in the UK by **31 December 2020**.

Apply now:
gov.uk/eusettlementscheme
Support is available if you need help to complete your application, including:

**EU Settlement Resolution Centre**
For questions about your application call 0300 123 7379. Find out about call charges on [gov.uk/call-charges](http://gov.uk/call-charges). You can also ask a question using the online form: [eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk](http://eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk)

**Translated information**
EU Settlement Scheme guidance and materials have been translated into 26 European languages including Welsh. For translated guidance, visit [gov.uk/settled-status-translations](http://gov.uk/settled-status-translations). For translated materials, visit [gov.uk/settled-status-translated-materials](http://gov.uk/settled-status-translated-materials)

**Assisted Digital**
This service helps people who do not have the right access, skills or confidence to complete the online application form and is available over the phone and in person, free of charge. Contact We-Are-Digital by calling 03333 445 675 or text the word “VISA” to 07537 416944. For more information, visit [gov.uk/eu-assisted-digital](http://gov.uk/eu-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, visit [gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations](http://gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations)

**Community support**
If you need more help with your application, you can contact a support organisation. For more information, visit [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme)
For more information on the EU Settlement Scheme and to apply, visit [gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://gov.uk/eusettlementscheme)