

# EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME



## *Declaration*

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In order that EU citizens and their families can continue to live and work in the United Kingdom after 30 June 2021 they will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Eligible candidates can apply from 19 January 2019 – the scheme will be fully open by 30 March 2019.

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## **What does it mean for me?**

In line with the draft Withdrawal Agreement, if you are an EU citizen and want to stay in the UK beyond 31 December 2020, you and your family members will need to apply to 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 want to apply and meet the requirements

## **Am I eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme?**

- You need to be an EU citizen or a non-EU family member of an EU citizen
- You need to be a resident in the UK by 31 December 2020.

If you have been a resident in the UK for more than 5 continuous years you will be eligible to apply for settled status.

If you have been a resident for less than 5 continuous years you will be eligible for to apply for pre-settled status.

You must not be a serious or persistent criminal, a threat to national security, or have a deportation order, exclusion order, exclusion decision or removal decision against you.

## **What about my family members?**

If you are an EU citizen living in the UK, you and your family members are protected under the EU Settlement Scheme. 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 members).

Close family members that are not living in the UK by 31 December 2020 will be able to join you in the UK at any point in the future. They will need to be able to show their relationship to you and it must still exist when they apply to come to the UK. Close family members include spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, dependent children and grandchildren, and dependent parents and grandparents. Visit GOV.UK to [find out more](#).

Children born or adopted after 31 December 2020 will also have their rights protected.

## **When can I apply?**

The EU Settlement Scheme will fully open by 30 March 2019.

In line with the draft Withdrawal Agreement, you and your family members will have until 30 June 2021 to apply and your rights will remain unchanged until then, provided that you are resident in the UK by 31 December 2020.

## **How does the application process work?**

You can access the application online using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. If you want, you can save your application and complete it later on. There are three key parts to the application: identity, residence in the UK, and criminality.

You will be able to get support over the phone or in person if you need online assistance.

## **When you apply**

The application asks for basic factual information like your name, address and reference numbers such as your passport, national identity card or National Insurance number.

You can use the [EU Exit: ID Document Check app](#) to fill in this information.

## **Fees**

On 21 January [the Prime Minister announced that there will be no fee](#) when the scheme opens fully on 30 March 2019. Anyone who has applied already, or who applies and pays a fee during the test phases, will have their fee refunded. Details of the refunds process will be published shortly.

If you want to apply now, the fee (which will be refunded) is:

- £65 if you're 16 or over
- £32.50 if you're under 16

It'll be free to apply if you already have a valid ['UK permanent residence document'](#) or you already have [indefinite leave to remain in or enter the UK](#).

## Further information

Full details of the EU Settlement Scheme can be found by visiting the following website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>