# EU CITIZENS STAY INFORMED



If you want to stay in the UK beyond **31 December 2020**, you will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.



The EU Settlement Scheme will allow you and your family to continue to live, study and work in the UK. It means you will 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.

## Who is eligible to apply?

- ✓ You need to be an EU citizen or a non-EU family member of an EU citizen. You will not need to apply if you are an Irish 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 five continuous years when you apply, you will be eligible for settled status. If you have been a resident for less than five years when you apply, you will be eligible for pre-settled status.

 You must not be a serious or persistent criminal, or a threat to national security.



## **Family members**

The EU Settlement Scheme covers all EU citizens living in the UK and their family members. 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).

### Family members of eligible EU citizens

Non-EU family members living in the UK by 31 December 2020 are eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Your 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, as long as the relationship still exists. Children born or adopted after 31 December 2020, and future dependants, will also have their rights protected.



## What do I need to do?

To get your new immigration status, you need to fill in a short online application form using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. There will be support available if you need help to complete the online application form.

The EU Settlement Scheme will fully open by 30 March 2019. You will be able to apply until 30 June 2021 and your rights will remain unchanged until then.