

EU Settlement Scheme

Important information



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EU CITIZENS STAY INFORMED

If you are an EU citizen and want to stay in the UK beyond 31 December 2020, in line with the draft Withdrawal Agreement, you and your family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?



The **EU Settlement Scheme** will allow you and your family members 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?

EU citizens of:



Austria



Belgium



Bulgaria



Croatia



Republic of Cyprus



Czech Republic



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



Germany



Greece



Hungary



Ireland



Italy



Latvia



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Malta



Netherlands



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Slovakia



Slovenia



Spain



Sweden



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. Close family members who 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.



Did you know: *You will not need to apply if you're an Irish citizen but your family members from outside the UK and Ireland will. Rights for citizens of  Norway,  Iceland,  Liechtenstein and  Switzerland are still being negotiated.*



Did you know: *Close family members include spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners and dependant children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents. Family members do not need to be from the EU; they can come from anywhere in the world. This is known as non-EU citizen family member.*



How to apply

To get your new immigration status, you'll need to fill in a **short online application form** using a computer, tablet or mobile phone. We will use existing Government data, where available, to make it easier for you to prove how long you have been living in the UK. This should make the process **straightforward** and will significantly reduce any evidence you may need to submit or send to the Home Office.



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**.



Where can I get support?

There will be support available if you need help to complete the online application form, including:

- **contact centre support** available over the phone if you have questions about individual applications
- an **assisted digital service** available over the phone and in person if you do not have the appropriate skills or confidence to complete the online application form
- **identity verification support** available at a number of locations if you do not have access to the EU Exit ID Document Check app.

For more information on the support available visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).





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