

Are you an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, or the family member of someone who is?

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If so, you must apply under the EU Settlement Scheme, irrespective of the status you currently hold.



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Who needs to do what (and when?)

On 31st January 2020 the United Kingdom left the European Union.

There are many EU Citizens (and their family members) who remain living and working in the UK.

These EU citizens and their family members must apply for their new status if they wish to remain living in the UK.

These applications need to be made under Appendix EU, also known as the EU Settlement Scheme. The purpose of the Scheme is to set out the basis upon which an EU citizen and their family members, and the family members of a qualifying British Citizen (in some circumstances) will, if they apply under it, be granted settled status or pre-settled status.

The EU Settlement Scheme has been open for some time.

The scheme runs until 30th June 2021. EU citizens need to be in the UK by 31st December 2020 to be able to apply in country.

Some family members of the EU citizen who are not in the UK by 31st December 2020 may still be able to apply, if for example, there was a pre-existing familial relationship on or before this date.

An application under this scheme is compulsory, even for those EU citizens who have a Permanent Residence Card, a Residence Card or a Derivative Residence Card.

In short, the scheme applies to all EU citizens and their family members/dependents who want to continue to live and work/study/ in the UK.



Who else can apply?



Who else can apply under the scheme? A few examples:

- spouse/family member of an EU citizen
- primary carer of an EU citizen
- durable partner of an EU citizen (if this is the first application as a durable partner of the EU citizen, then you may need to make the first application under the old Regulations)
- dependant relative of an EU citizen.
- certain persons of Northern Ireland and their non-EEA family members (from 24th August 2020)

You **do not need to apply** if:

- You are a foreign national, who is not an EEA national, and hold indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain
- You have British or Irish citizenship, **including 'dual citizenship'** (unless you have non-EEA national family members who may need to apply)



Good news: the EUSS application is free of charge!



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How do I apply?

How do you make the application?

You can apply using 'EU Exit: ID Document Check' app or on a **paper application** by post depending on your relationship to the EU citizen and the type of application that you need to make.

What form of residency is granted?

Either:

- **Pre-Settled status:** a five-year period is granted, after which you can apply for settlement, or;
- **Settled status:** Same as indefinite leave to remain. After one year, you may apply for British citizenship.

What can I do with each form of status?

With both Settled and Pre-Settled status, you'll be able to:

- work in the UK
- use the NHS for free as you do now
- enrol in education or continue studying
- access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if you're eligible for them
- travel in and out of the UK





The EU Settlement Scheme is complex to navigate...

Goldsmith Immigration team is able to guide individuals and organisations with bespoke training as well as legal advice on a case-by-case basis.

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