EU Settlement scheme

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Introduction

Today we will cover…

• Your rights
• What is the EU Settlement Scheme? (EU/EEA and Swiss)
• How to apply
• Family members
• Questions
Your rights

- Rights of EEA/Swiss nationals who are already living in the UK will be protected

- You will have same rights as currently to live, work and study

- You can continue to prove your rights to live in the UK using your passport or ID card until 30 June 2021 (or 31 December 2020 if no withdrawal agreement ratified by 31 January)

- You can continue travelling in and out of the UK using your passport even if you have not applied for the EU settlement scheme. Note: entry to the UK on ID card only to be phased out

However…

- In the future, you will need to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme
What is the EU Settlement scheme

- A free application process to confirm your rights

- You will be granted either ‘pre-settled status’ or ‘settled status’, meaning you can continue living in the UK long-term

- You have until 30 June 2021 to apply. (31 December 2020 if no Withdrawal Agreement.

- You are **not** required to apply before 31 January 2020
Who should apply?

- All EEA and Swiss nationals who wish to remain in the UK after December 2020 (no deal) or June 2021 (if deal)
- Irish nationals do not need to apply, but can if they wish
- Those holding Indefinite Leave to Remain* do not need to apply
- Permanent residence** card holders must apply but can access a streamlined service

* Immigration permission without conditions or end date
** applied for under pre-Brexit rules after 5 years’ residence
What do I need to apply?

- You will need the following to apply:
  - A valid passport or national ID card
  - Android phone/device with Near Field Communication (NFC) or iPhone 7 or above, or
    - use a friend’s phone, visit us or Oxfordshire County library
  - Digital photo of your face
  - Proof of UK residence
- No paper forms; don’t need NI (national insurance) number
- Application designed to be streamlined and user-friendly – however terminology can be confusing!
What you may get: *Pre-settled status*

- If you have been living in the UK for less than 5 continuous years
- Pre-settled status granted for 5 years
- After 5 years continuous residence, you can apply for settled status
- Confirms all your rights in UK - study, work, NHS, public funds
- Can spend 2 years outside UK and not lose pre-settled status but note that long absences could affect later eligibility for settled status
What you may get: *Settled Status*

- Called *indefinite leave to remain* on your decision letter
- If you have been continuously resident in the UK for at least 5 years
- Continuous residence means: no more than 6 months absence from the UK in any 12 month period during the 5 years, except for:
  - Single period of absence which did not exceed 12 months and was for an important reason such as pregnancy, childbirth, serious illness or study
  - Compulsory military service of any length
- Confirms all your rights in UK- study, work, NHS, public funds
- Can stay 5 years outside UK without losing status (4 years if Swiss)
Starting the online application

https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk/

Split into two parts:
Application form
Prove your identity

Proving your identity: 3 ways to prove your identity.

1. Use the app ‘EU Exit: ID Document check’. – most convenient
   If you can’t do this on your own phone/device:
   - use a friend’s
   - come to Student Immigration 9am-5pm Monday to Friday to use
     our android phone at the Exam Schools
2. Go to a Home Office approved centre to have your ID scanned.
   - Oxfordshire County Library in Westgate Centre
   - Oxford Register Office (near Nuffield) 9am-11am Mon-Friday
3. Post your documents to the Home Office
Using the EU-exit app

- Download the app on your android device: ‘EU Exit-ID document check’
- Scans your passport or national ID card and adds it to your application
- Scans your face to check match with passport/ID
- Takes a photo
- After you have finished using the app, you will be sent an email to direct you back to complete the online application
- The app sends information securely. No information is stored on the device or in the app
Using the EU-exit Android app

**Useful tip:** Move the phone if necessary as it may depend where your NFC chip is located.

**Scan your passport**

Open your passport to the photo page.
Make sure:
- you're in a well-lit room
- the whole photo page is inside the frame

Scan now

**Place the phone on your passport**

Keep the phone on top of your document.
Checking information...
Using the EU-exit Android app

Scan your face

![Scan face]

⚠️ The screen will flash as it scans your face.

❓ Find out more

Scanning takes a few seconds. Follow the instructions on the screen. We’ll

Take your photo

![Take photo]

This is for the record that proves your status in the UK.
Make sure you:

- are in a well-lit room
- look straight at the camera
Online application form

- If using the app, the ‘Identity’ and ‘Digital photo’ sections shown opposite will be marked as completed.
- Questions within each section.
### Check your application type answers

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Residence in the UK

NINO is not essential, if you have not been working
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**Check your answers**

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Automated outcome: tax record

- Automated check from your National Insurance number, if applicable, based on tax and benefits records.

You'll be considered for pre-settled status

Based on your answers, you've been resident in the UK less than 5 years. This means we'll consider you for pre-settled status.

You can submit your application now, or provide evidence if you want to be considered for settled status.

What do you want to do?

- Submit application for pre-settled status
- Show I'm eligible for settled status

You’ll need to show you've been resident for 5 years in a row, or that you qualify for settled status on other grounds.

You only need evidence for the periods where we couldn't confirm your residence.

You can challenge, if you think you should have settled status
Proof of residence documents

- You can use the Oxford ‘student enrolment certificate’ (stamped and signed by college) as evidence of current UK residency.

- If you are applying for settled status and need to provide evidence of a longer residency period, other acceptable documents include:
  - a letter confirming attendance for previous studies
  - annual bank statement
  - letter from employer, P60, P45
  - council tax bill, utility bills etc

- See further examples at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence
If you need to post your ID document

Use recorded delivery at Post Office for security and keep tracking number.
Getting your decision

- Home Office do not want to refuse applications

- You will not receive a physical document

- You will be emailed a link to an online service that you can use to view and prove your status e.g. to an employer, landlord in the future. Home Office have confirmed employers or landlords should not be demanding proof before June 2021

- Your non-EU/EEA/Swiss family members who apply will get a BRP – they will need to make an appointment and give biometrics for this

- If you get a new passport or national ID, update your status profile online as your status is linked to this document
Dear 

I am pleased to inform you that your application under the EU Settlement Scheme has been successful and that you have been granted Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the United Kingdom, under Appendix EU to the Immigration Rules. This is also referred to as settled status. Your status takes effect from the date of this letter, which can be found above.

Your settled status in the UK can be confirmed online through the Home Office online checking service: 'View and Prove your Rights in the UK': view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk. You may use the online service to show your settled status in the UK. This letter is not proof of your status.

[https://www.gov.uk/view-your-settled-status]
Getting your decision: example

Status

YOUR NAME
you have settled status

Granted under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Details
You can live, work and study in the UK, and access public funds and services. There is no limit on how long you can stay in the UK.

Read about your rights with settled or pre-settled status.

If your name is spelt wrong or your photo is not correct, contact the EU Settlement Resolution Centre.

Keeping your details up to date
You need to keep your contact details and identity document up to date to access your online status.

Proving your status
If you want to prove your status online you can below. This includes proving your right to work to an employer.

Find out more
Read more about settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.
Can I lose the status once granted?

- You can spend up to two years in a row outside the UK without losing pre-settled status. However, absences over 6 months could break your continuous residence and prevent you applying for settled status.

- You can spend up to five years in a row outside the UK without losing settled status (4 years for Swiss citizens)
Family members (EEA and non-EEA)

• Must be in a relationship with an EEA citizen as spouse, civil partner or unmarried partner in ‘durable’ relationship.

• Non-EEA nationals need a residence card or family permit to prove your relationship if unmarried.

• Spouse/partner will only be granted settled status if they have been continuously resident in the UK for at least 5 years. Otherwise, granted pre-settled status.
Family members: Children (under 21)

- Any children born in the UK to an EU/EEA/Swiss national who holds settled status will automatically be British at birth.

- Any children born in the UK after you’ve got pre-settled status will be automatically eligible for pre-settled status.

- Children can apply for settled status even if not lived in UK 5 years, if parent applies for/holds settled status.
Reminders and next steps

• Think about timing may be busy June 2021 deadline (December 2020 if ‘no deal’). 31 January is not the deadline.

• If you don’t have compatible device:
  - visit us (9am-5pm Monday to Friday), or ask a friend
  - visit Oxfordshire County Library, Oxford Register Office

• Think about document/s to use to confirm residency

• To apply for the EU Settlement Scheme:
  https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-youll-need-to-apply

• Further Oxford information on Brexit:
  http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu
Any questions?

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