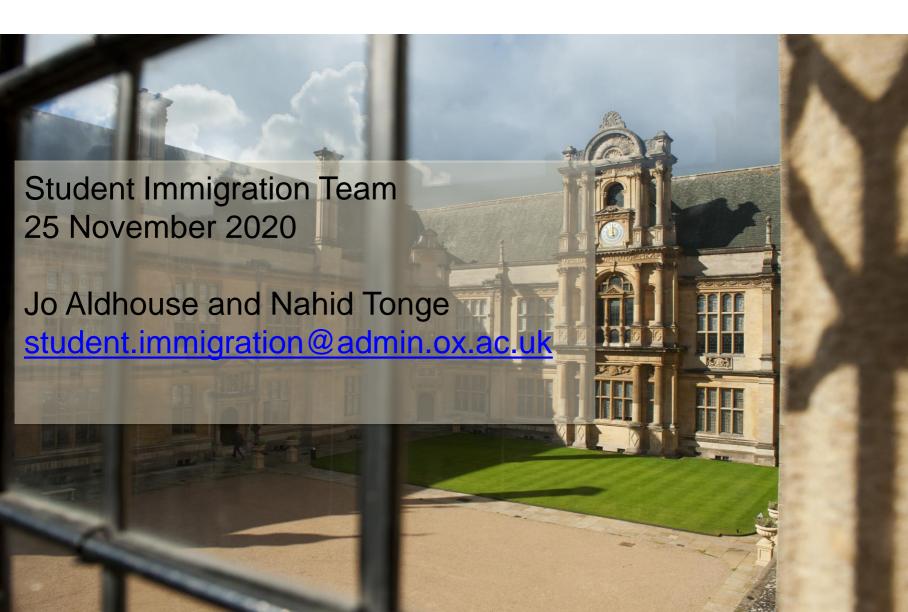
#### **EU Settlement scheme**





#### 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 by 31 December 2020 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
- 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
- To preserve your rights, 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, however ifyou are planning to travel during the Christmas vacation and to ensure uninterrupted access to the NHS apply now

# Who should apply?



- All EEA and Swiss nationals who wish to remain in the UK after June 2021
- 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 <u>must</u> 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 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:

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

Post your documents to the Home Office

# Using the EU-exit app



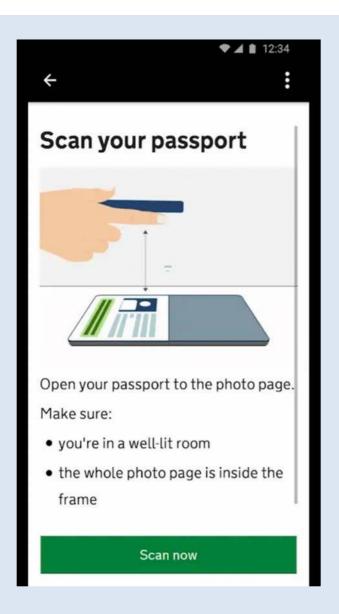
Download the app on your android device:
 'EU Exit-ID document check'

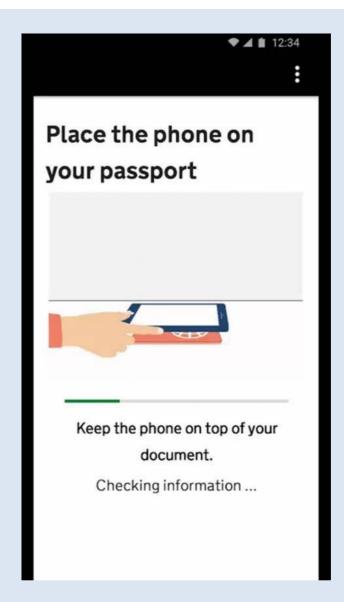


- Scans your passport or national ID card and adds it to your application
- Scans your face to check match with passport/ID
- Takes a photo
- After you have finished using the app, you will be sent an email to direct you back to complete the online application
- The app sends information securely. No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

## Using the EU-exit app





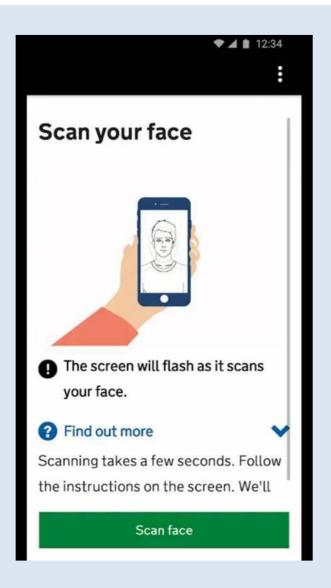


#### **Useful tip:**

Move the phone if necessary as it may depend where your NFC chip is located

## Using the EU-exit app



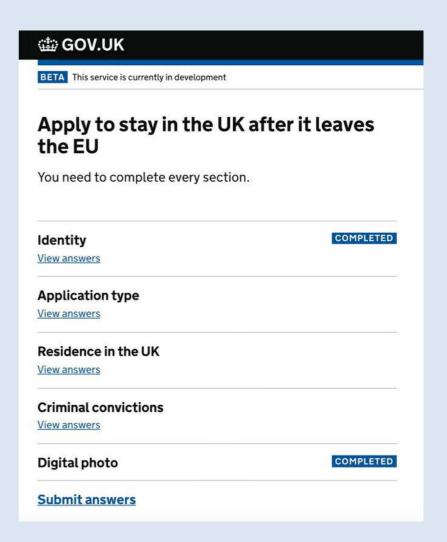




## Online application form



- If using the app, the 'Identity'
  and 'Digital photo' sections
  shown opposite will be marked
  as completed
- Questions within each section



# **Application type**





BETA This service is currently in development

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#### Check your application type answers

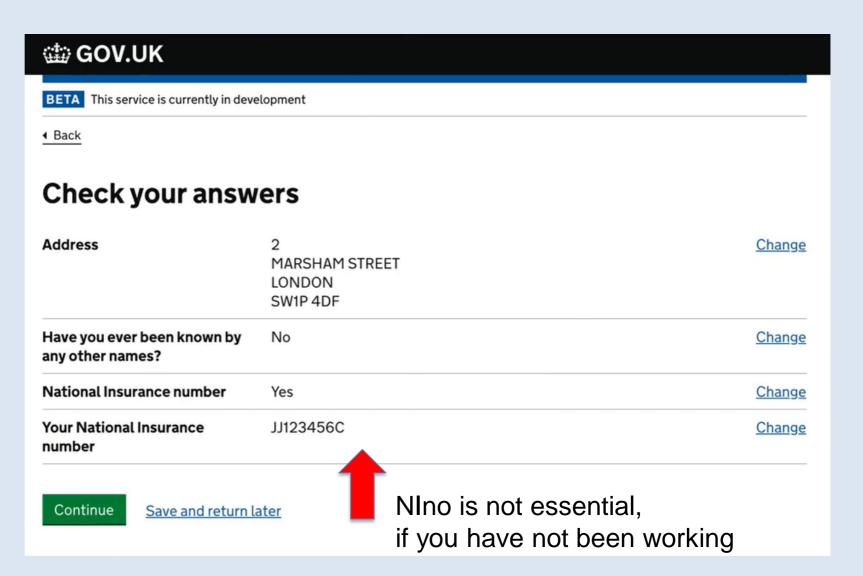
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Previous nationality	No	Change
Permanent residence card	No	Change
Indefinite Leave to Remain	No	Change

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Save and return later

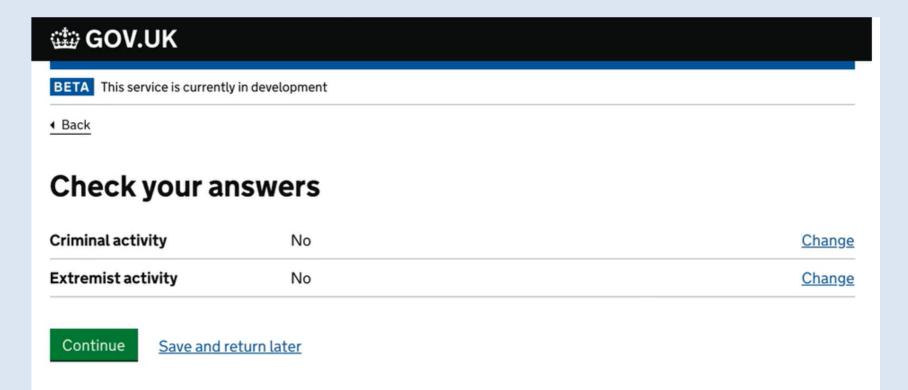
#### Residence in the UK





#### **Criminal convictions**

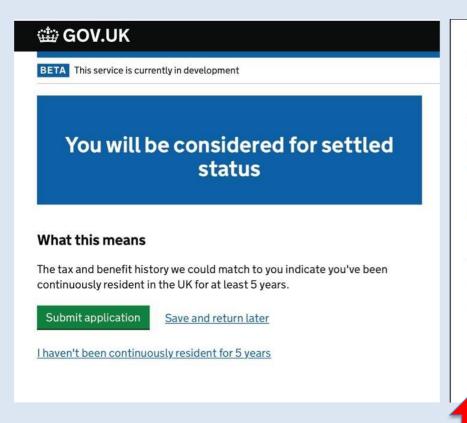




#### Automated outcome: tax record



 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**

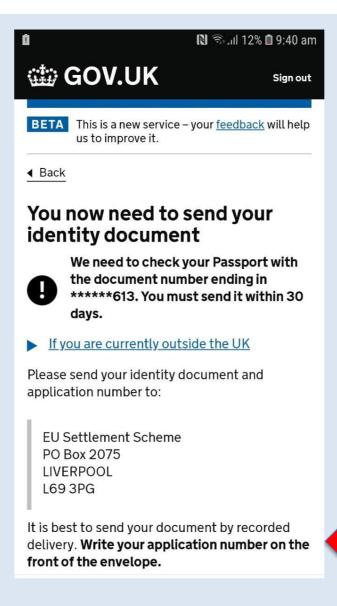


- You can use the Oxford 'student enrolment certificate' as evidence of current UK residency
- If you are applying for settled status and need to provide evidence of a longer residency period, other acceptable documents include:
  - a letter confirming attendance for previous studies
  - annual bank statement
  - > letter from employer, P60, P45
  - council tax bill, utility bills etc
- See further examples at:
  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence</a>



## 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

#### Getting your decision: example





Tel 03001237379

Web http://www.gov.uk/ukv/

Our Ref

Date 27 November 2018

#### YOUR NAME

#### 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': <u>view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk</u>. 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

#### View and prove your settled or pre-settled status

#### Use this service to:

- · view your settled or pre-settled status
- · get a share code to prove your status to others, for example employers
- update your personal details, for example your passport number or email address
- check what rights you have in the UK, for example the right to work or to access public funds

Having access to public funds means you can apply for benefits and use services like the NHS.

#### Related content

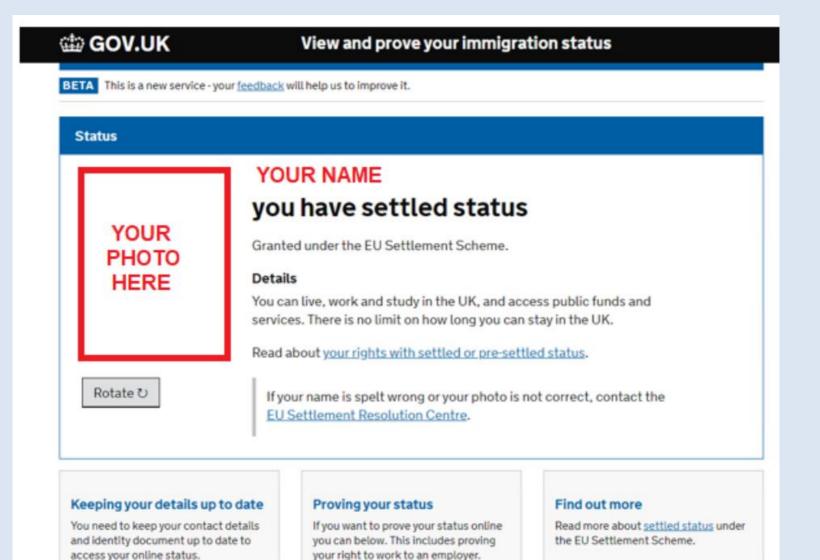
Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status)

Prove your right to work to an employer

Private renting

## Getting your decision: example





# 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 apply now?
- If you don't have compatible device:
  - -- Oxfordshire County Library, Oxford Register Office
- Think about document/s to use to confirm residency
- To apply for the EU Settlement Scheme:
   <u>https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-youll-need-to-apply</u>
- Further Oxford information on Brexit:
   <a href="http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu">http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/oxford-and-the-eu</a>



# Any questions?

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