

EU Settlement Scheme

How do I apply?



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If you're a European Union (EU) citizen living in the UK, you and your non-British family need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme if you want to continue living here after 31 December 2020.

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The EU Settlement Scheme will allow you and your family to continue to live and work in the UK. It will mean you are eligible for:

- public services, such as healthcare and schools
- public funds and pensions
- British citizenship, if you meet the requirements and want to apply.

How do I apply?

You can access the application online using a computer, tablet or smartphone. Where we can, we will use existing Government data 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 upload or send to the Home Office.



Before you apply

You will need the following to complete your application:

- ✓ Access to the internet on a computer, tablet or smartphone
- ✓ A valid passport or EU nationality card
- ✓ A recent photograph of yourself or the ability to take one using a smartphone or camera
- ✓ Your National Insurance number, if you have one
- ✓ Proof of residence, for example P60s, bank statement and utility bills, if required
- ✓ A credit or debit card to make payment



Did you know: You will be able to get support over the phone or in person if you need help doing things online.



1. Proof of your identity

You will be required to prove your identity and nationality. For EU citizens, this must be a valid EU passport or national identity card. If you do not have either of these documents due to circumstances beyond your control or compelling compassionate reasons, alternative evidence of identity and nationality may be accepted.

To ensure that it is you applying for the EU Settlement Scheme, you will need to provide a facial image which will be checked to make sure it matches the photograph on your identity document. Non-EU citizens will also need to provide fingerprint biometrics if they have not already done so for the purposes of being issued a biometric residence card under existing EU law processes.



Did you know: *Completing the application on your smartphone enables you to photograph or scan your documents into the app and to take a photograph of yourself to verify your identity (if you are an EU citizen).*

Alternatively, you must upload a photograph of yourself and photographs/scans of your evidence to the website and send your identity document by post. We aim to return your documents as soon as possible.



2. Proof of residence

If you would like us to check your residence for you, using either tax or benefits data you will need to provide a National Insurance number if you have one when you apply. We will use this to check which residence status you are eligible for. If you do not have a National Insurance number, or we do not hold enough data to confirm this, you'll need to provide evidence to show your residence. For example, a single piece of evidence will include P60s, utility bills or bank statements.



3. Criminality check

A criminality and security check will be carried out on all applicants, except for those under the age of 10. You will be required to declare any serious criminal convictions. Only serious or persistent criminality will affect your application. This should not affect the vast majority of EU citizens and their family members.



Payment

It will cost **£65** and **£32.50** for children under 16.

It will be free to apply if:

- you already have valid indefinite leave to remain or a valid permanent residence document
- you're applying to move from pre-settled status to settled status



Did you know: *Successful applicants will get proof of their status through an online service. You will not get a physical document unless you are from outside the EU and do not already have a biometric residence card. Once you have been granted settled status, it will remain valid unless you leave the UK for a period of more than 5 years.*

Where can I find out more?



What is it?



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