

# EU Citizens and Brexit

## Welcome

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# Preview

Key dates

What is changing now

What is changing in 2019 and 2020

What you need to do



# Key Dates

Brexit day 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Transition period up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Deadline for applying for Settled Status 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# Latest Position

Latest announcement on residence 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

UK student fees for EU students on courses starting autumn 2019

Little expected to change now

Intended same rules will also apply to citizens of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Switzerland

# Rights Now

No change now for EU citizens and their families in the UK

Existing rights apply now and during transition period to December 2020

You must apply for Settled Status by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Nothing to do if you are Irish, or you have Indefinite Leave to Remain but you can apply for Settled Status

# During Transition

EU citizens and their families can continue to enter the UK until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

EU citizens can bring their family members to the UK after that if relationship existed on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and can bring in children even if born or adopted after that

# Settled Status: Who can apply?

For EU citizens resident in UK before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and their families

Can be out of the country temporarily at the time when applying (up to 6 months a year or up to 12 months for important reasons)

If you have a Permanent Right of Residence, you will still have to apply for Settled Status but no fee

If you have Indefinite Leave to Remain but you can apply for Settled Status but do not have to

# Requirements for Settled Status 1

Continuously resident in UK for 5 years

If not immediately eligible, will get Pre-Settled Status for 5 years

Some exemptions eg can be absent for 6 months a year or up to 12 months for important reasons

Non-EU citizen family member must be continuously resident for 5 years as family member or have retained family status



# Requirements for Settled Status 2

Less than 5 years residence if :

- worked in UK and then retire or become permanently incapacitated (and family members)
- family member of someone who worked in UK and died

Children or grandchildren under 21 no residence condition if parent is eligible

# Application for Settled Status 1

Intended to start early next year

Digital application

Fee of £65 or £32.50 for children under 16

No fee if converting from Permanent Right to Reside, Indefinite Leave to Remain or Pre-Settled Status to Settled Status

# Application for Settled Status 2

Automated checks by HMRC and DWP

Can submit documentary evidence

Criminal checks

# Family Members 1

Spouse or civil partner. If married after 31/12 2020, relationship existed then

Durable partner where relationship existed by 31 December 2020

Durable partner: lived together for 2 years (unless other significant evidence)

Child or grandchild under 21 or dependant

Dependant parent or grandparent

# Family Members 2

Special rules allow family members of EU citizen who dies or leaves UK, or where couple divorce, to retain family status

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# Effect of Settled Status

Pre-Settled Status. “Right to Reside” test for benefits and housing required

Settled Status: No restrictions on benefits or housing

Settled Status is only lost by 5 years absence from UK (2 years for Indefinite Leave to Remain or Permanent Right of Residence)

Subject to other requirements, unless married to a British citizen you can apply for naturalisation one year after Settled Status (or Indefinite Leave to Remain or Permanent Residence Document).

# Summary

Your rights are unchanged until December 2020

You can apply for Settled Status from early 2019 if you have been resident in the UK for 5 years

You must apply for Settled Status by June 2021

# Further Information

Email updates available from :

[www.gov.uk/guidance/status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk-what-you-need-to-know](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk-what-you-need-to-know)

Becoming a British citizen:

[www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen](https://www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen)

Settled Status Scheme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-statement-of-intent>





# Further Information

Advice from Citizens Advice Richmond:

[www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/get-advice](http://www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/get-advice)

Brexit updates:

[www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/eu-citizens-brexit](http://www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/eu-citizens-brexit)



Thank you – any questions?



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