

Your Rights in the UK after BREXIT

Frequently asked questions

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Citizens Advice Richmond

Who is covered by these questions?

EU citizens

Citizens of the EEA (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)

Citizens of Switzerland

The family members of any of these citizens

Registration of Child as British

My child was born in the UK and I have Settled Status. I have heard there is a court case to reduce the Registration fee of £1012.

Is there any news on this?

The court hearing was on 6th October 2020. A decision is expected in January. Please contact us then by completing our email enquiry form.



British Citizenship

Can I become British and keep my own nationality?

This will depend on the law of your country. Some countries allow this and some do not. We suggest you contact your embassy.

British Citizenship

What are the advantages of British Citizenship?

The main ones are:

- **Right to vote** (You can vote in local elections in Scotland and Wales, and in England depending on nationality. At the moment you can do so if you are a national of Cyprus, Malta, Portugal, Luxembourg, Spain and Poland)
- It is not lost by 5 years absence from UK unlike Settled Status
- You can join the armed forces
- You can work for the civil service

British Citizenship

What are the disadvantages of British Citizenship?

There may be disadvantages if you lose your own nationality (if your country does not allow dual nationality).

If this happens, you will lose your free movement rights. You will not be able to move freely and work in the EU, the EEA and Switzerland.

British Citizenship

I have heard there is a problem if I did not have Comprehensive Sickness Insurance in the UK.

This is only relevant if in the last 10 years (or since your arrival in the UK if later) you were living on savings or in some cases living on benefits.

There are many other people who are not affected.

Please contact us by our email enquiry form if you are worried

Settled Status

Who has to apply for Settled Status?

EU citizens (including children) must apply for Settled Status unless:-

You are British or

You are Irish or

You have Indefinite Leave to Remain (you must have applied before 2006)

Effects of Settled Status

What are the effects of Settled Status?

You have the right to reside in UK indefinitely

Settled Status is only lost by 5 years absence from UK

Full access to benefits and public housing (Pre-Settled Status by itself does not give full access but recent working will do so)

Entry of Family Members

Can my family come to the UK to live after 2020?

With Settled Status, existing close family members can enter UK
Get advice on the details

Children born to or adopted by someone with Settled Status after 31st
December 2020 can enter the UK

Proof of Status

Can I get a Residence Card to prove my Settled Status?

Unfortunately not (unless you are the non-EU family member of an EU citizen). Parliament voted in October 2020 not to change this.

Instead you will get an email with a link to prove your status online

Landlords and employers should accept a passport until June 2021

Deadline for Settled Status

What is the deadline for applying for Settled Status?

The deadline is 30th June 2021

But the law has been changed to allow a late application if there are reasonable grounds for this.

Health

What are my healthcare rights?

EU citizens who can apply for Settled Status have full access to the NHS

The EHIC health card remains in force to December 2020

After that, EU nationals can still obtain an EHIC card

Pensions

Is my pension affected?

There are no changes affecting your state or private pensions

If you move to another EEA country or Switzerland, any increase to your UK state pension will be paid to you. For other countries, get advice

Students

How are students affected?

EU students pay UK fees for courses starting in 2020

For courses starting in 2021 or later:

Students with Settled or Pre-Settled Status or Irish students pay the same fees as UK students and are eligible for maintenance grants

Other students pay overseas student fees

Further Information

Advice from Citizens Advice Richmond:

www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/get-advice/email-us/

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Brexit updates:

www.citizensadvicerichmond.org/eu-citizens-brexit

