



Brexit: Information about Applications for EU Settled Status

Please read this information sheet and **help us to ensure that all European Nationals who wish to remain living in the UK after 30 June 2021 can do so, and retain their rights to work, rent, access free healthcare and benefits, and send their children to higher education after the 30 June 2021 deadline.**

Following the UK's departure from the European Union and the ending of the Withdrawal Agreement on 31 December 2020 at 23:00, the rules regarding European Nationals have changed.

Who is affected?

All citizens of the following countries of the European Economic Area (and Switzerland), unless they already hold British or Irish citizenship. In this briefing they will be referred to as "EEA nationals":

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

Citizens of the above countries are now required to have entry clearance in the UK if they enter on or after 1 January 2021. They are required to obtain a visa if they wish to settle in the UK, to work or remain in the UK for more than six months. Visitors (tourists) will be permitted to enter at the UK border but will be prohibited from working in the UK or seeking assistance from public funds (most welfare benefits).

The EU Settlement Scheme

Citizens of the above countries and their dependent family members who were lawfully resident in the UK on 31 December 2020, have until 30 June 2021 to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme for leave to remain if they intend to remain living in the UK. Dependent family members of those already granted leave to remain will be permitted to enter and join their family and can apply under the EU Settlement Scheme even if they entered the UK after the 31 December 2021.

Please help us inform anyone who has yet registered of the urgency to apply as soon as possible.

Citizens of the above countries must ensure they apply under the EU Settlement Scheme before 30 June 2021.

For further information about how EEA Nationals can apply, please see [Continue to live in the UK if you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/continue-to-live-in-the-uk-if-youre-an-eu-eea-or-swiss-citizen).

It is important that children as well as their parents apply under the scheme: every EEA national must apply, whatever their age. In some circumstances, children may be automatically British and may not need to apply. EEA Nationals should ensure this is checked carefully with an immigration adviser if they are unsure.

More information about being automatically British can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/check-british-citizenship>. Information about whether or not a child could register to be British can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/british-citizenship>

Further to application, there are two types of status which could be granted:

- EU Pre-Settled Status – for people who have lived in the UK for less than 5 years.
- EU Settled Status – for people who have lived in the UK for 5 years or more.

What you can do to help

You may know of EEA Nationals who have not yet applied or who are unable to make their own application for whatever reason.

Please note: it is an offence for someone who is not registered with the Office of the Immigration Service Commissioner to provide immigration advice and therefore you should not do this yourself.

If you identify an EEA national who has not yet applied under the EUSS scheme, urge them to apply online now: <https://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme>. There is also a national telephone helpline on 0300 123 7379. The sooner they start their application, the better. They should not leave it until June.

Local assistance with applications is also available. Voluntary Sector Agencies (such as [GYROS](#) in Great Yarmouth, [Access Migrant Support](#) in King's Lynn, [Norfolk Community Law Service](#) and the [Citizens Advice Bureaux](#)), plus some district councils can assist with routine EUSS applications. Their advice is free.

No EEA Nationals should have to pay anyone to assist them with their application.

Additional support to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

Norfolk County Council's People from Abroad Team is providing support to vulnerable EEA nationals who require additional support to apply before 30 June 2021.

This includes those who have problems with supplying enough documents to support their application. For example, there may be an issue with expired ID documents and renewing them as some embassies are closed due to Covid. The People from Abroad Team can help with this. Not having valid documents should not prevent anyone from starting their application.

Vulnerable EEA Nationals who the People from Abroad Team can help include persons who are socially isolated, in the care of the local authority, who have issues with their mental capacity or who have significant disabilities, such as those who are registered deaf or blind or with a profound physical disability or mental health problem.

The People from Abroad Team does not take referrals direct from the public to provide support to apply under EUSS.

Referrals will be accepted from the person's social worker, or by referral from another EUSS service such as a district council or from one of the Voluntary Sector Agencies.