



International Student Support

EU Settlement Scheme - FAQs

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The EU Settlement Scheme is an immigration status which has been created by the UK government to ensure EU/EEA/Swiss nationals who currently live in the UK can retain their rights to live here, study, work and access public services such as healthcare after Brexit.

Do I need to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme?

If you are an EU/EEA/Swiss national and you intend to remain in the UK after 31 December 2020, or if you are undecided but want to keep your options open, then you will have to make an application under the EU Settlement Scheme. Irish nationals are not required to apply. For more information about who needs to apply, visit the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

Why do I need to do this?

Following the Brexit vote, free movement between the UK and the EU will eventually come to an end and anyone entering the UK from 1 January 2021 will be subject to a new visa regime. Applying for the EU settlement scheme will allow you to retain your current rights without having to go through a visa application process which is likely to be more restrictive and onerous than the EU Settlement Scheme. EU/EEA/Swiss nationals who fail to secure their status may end up being in the UK illegally so it's important that you make this application to guarantee you can continue to reside in the UK legally and enjoy your current rights in future.

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When should I apply?

The EU Settlement Scheme has been fully open since 30 March 2019 and people who are eligible are encouraged to submit their application at the earliest opportunity. You will have between now and 31 December 2020 (or June 2021 if the UK leaves the UK with a deal) to make this application.

What status will I get?

If you have lived in the UK for at least 5 years, you will get *settled status*. This entitles you to stay in the UK indefinitely.

If you have lived in the UK for less than 5 years, you will get *pre-settled status*. This will be valid for 5 years. Once you have lived in the UK for 5 years, you can apply for settled status.

Is there a minimum residence period in the UK to be eligible to apply?

No, anyone who can prove they are living in the UK currently can apply.

How do I apply?

The application is online: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status

As part of the application, you will have to prove your identity by scanning your biometric passport or ID card using the ID Document check app for Android (or you can send your ID document by post).

You can find information on how to use the ID Document Check app on the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-eu-exit-id-document-check-app

Free Movement has published a useful video which will walk you through the application process: www.freemovement.org.uk/eu-settlement-scheme-video/

What will I need to apply?

When you apply, you'll need proof of:

- your identity: valid passport or national identity card (you also need to provide a digital photo of your face). When you apply, you can either scan your biometric ID document and upload your photo using the '[EU Exit: ID Document Check](#)' app for Android or send your document in the post and upload your photo using the online application (you can take this yourself)
- your residence in the UK: you can use your National Insurance Number if you have one, or any of the documents listed here: www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence
- You will also be asked to declare convictions that appear in your criminal record in the UK or overseas: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-youll-need-to-apply

Do I have to pay for this application?

No - the application is free of charge.

Where can I apply?

You can apply in the UK or while you are overseas.

What will I get to confirm my status in the UK?

As an EU/EEA/Swiss national, you will not get a physical document to prove your status. Instead, the Home Office will email you a link to an online service that you can use to view and prove your status.

How can NTU help me with my application?

We are planning on offering briefings for EU students from the start of next academic year (2019-20), as well as drop-ins for students who have questions about their application. We will also make android devices available for students who do not have access to one. If you have any questions about the EU settlement scheme or our support, please contact us by e-mail: int.support@ntu.ac.uk

Please keep checking your e-mails and our website: www.ntu.ac.uk/eu-eea-students for more information.

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