WHAT IS THE PROOF OF RECEIVING SETTLED STATUS?

You will get an email confirming you have made an application. After the identity and residence checks have been made, you will receive an email with a reference number and a link to a government service: view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk. To log in, you will need to provide your passport number, your date of birth and then access your email and/or phone number you provided during the application process. Then you will see the proof of your Settled Status.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR APPLYING?

You will need to make your application by the end of June 2021.



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The rights of EU citizens living in the UK remain the same, protected by freedom of movement regulation, for as long as the UK stays in the EU.

SETTLED STATUS



Settled Status is a new immigration scheme for EU and EEA citizens and their family members who wish to continue living in the UK. You might have also heard of "The EU Settlement Scheme".

It will allow you and your family members to continue to live, work and study here in the UK.

You will still be eligible for:

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

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Citizens of

- ✓ the European Union
- ✓ or the European Economic Area or Switzerland
- OR their family members

who are planning to continue living in the UK.

- x British citizens should not apply
- x Irish citizens may choose to, but do no need to apply.
- x Holders of an "indefinite leave to remain" or "indefinite leave to enter" may, but do not need to, apply.
- ! If you have a valid UK permanent residence document, you must transfer to settled status. More info: https://bit.ly/2TR9Zrk [Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status)]

WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

- ✓ You will need to prove your identity.
- ✓ You will need to prove continuous residency in the UK.
- ✓ You will need to answer some questions about your criminal records.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR THE SETTLED STATUS?

- Proof of identity
- ✓ 'Continuous residence in the UK' check
- Recent photo of yourself
- ✓ National Insurance Number, if you have one
- Criminality check
- ✓ E-mail address and phone number
- Access to an Android phone. If you do not have one, you can visit a digital access centre or send your documents to the Home Office by post.

WHAT IS THE PROOF OF IDENTITY?

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If you are an EU / EEA citizen: a valid national ID card or a valid passport.
Non-EU family member: a biometric residence card or a biometric residence permit.

WHAT IS THE 'CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE' CHECK?

When you apply, the UK government institutions will exchange your data to establish how long you have been in the UK. Depending on how long you have been residing in the UK, you will be granted either 'Settled' or 'Pre-settled' status:

- Settled status: EU citizens who have five or more years continuous residence in the UK;
- Pre-settled status: EU citizens who have less than five years continuous residence in the UK. Once you reach the five year old threshold, you'll need to apply again, this time for the Settled status.

'Continuous residence" means at least 6 months in any 12 month period.

If the automatic checks do not work in your case, you will be able to submit additional evidence, e.g. photos or scans of your documents. List of acceptable additional evidence may be found online at: https://bit.ly/2CCROji (Annex A: documentary evidence of continuous residence in the UK)

WHAT IS THE CRIMINALITY CHECK?



The UK government will check your criminal records. It is important to declare all criminal convictions received in the UK and in any other country. If you have any doubts about undergoing the criminality check, we advise you contact a qualified solicitor.

HOW DO I APPLY?



You will need Internet access to apply.

A. If you don't want to post your documents to the Home Office you will need:

- 1. Access to an **iPhone (7 or above)** or an **Android phone (6.0 or newer)** with NFC. If you don't have access to any these phones, you can either:
- Borrow it
- ✓ Scan your documents in an Assisted Digital Location [https://bit.ly/2YwDV2k]
- Send your documents by post to the Home Office (You will be given an address during the application process)
- 2. A biometric proof of ID. It will have the following logo:



3. On the Android phone, go to the Play Store (or App Store on iPhone) and download the "EU Exit: ID Document Check" app. Follow the instructions from the app. These will include: scanning the photo page of your documents, scanning the biometric chip in the documents, taking a "selfie" and scanning your face and providing your e-mail address. After finishing the process on the app, you will receive a verification email to your inbox and a verification code to your phone.



 You will be able to finish the application on your phone or on your computer by providing your National Insurance Number if you have it, providing your current address and answering the criminality questions.

B. If you don't have access to to an iPhone or Android phone and/or biometric proof of ID, you will need to apply online: https://bit.ly/2STR6oY [Apply to stay in the UK after it leaves the EU]

You will need to post your documents. You will be given the address during the application process.

C. If you don't have valid ID documents, seek help of your embassy or consulate.

To stay updated visit: http://citizensrightsproject.org or sign up for e-mail alerts: https://bit.ly/2q7tGj5

Sometimes you can find translated information materials about the Settled status on the Government's website. To find them, go to gov.uk and search for "EU Settlement Scheme translations". Please note that sometimes translations are withdrawn for updates