**EU Settlement Scheme: Apply now to protect the rights of you and your children**

We wanted to remind you that if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family members (including non-EEA family members) may be eligible to apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families). The application deadline, for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

Children of all ages (21 and under) require their own immigration status and are not covered by a parent’s application to the EU Settlement Scheme. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family.

**What’s the application process?**

Applications to the EUSS are free. The application requires you to provide proof of your identity and nationality, residence in the UK, and to declare criminality. More information on what you’ll need to apply can be found [here](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-youll-need-to-apply) and applications can be made online on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status) using a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

If you apply successfully to the EUSS, you’ll all be able to continue living and working in the UK after 30 June 2021. Successful applicants get either [settled status or pre-settled](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fsettled-status-eu-citizens-families%2Fwhat-settled-and-presettled-status-means&data=04%7C01%7CEmily.Swait%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7Ca860b045a8c144e5972e08d896a4cd79%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C0%7C637424981844137225%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DwntVZWHr8CUHcHb84m89MDLMAyHHxUMKSlHxH1lKZo%3D&reserved=0) status. This means you can continue to be eligible to access the same benefits and services you do now.

The latest Home Office [monthly statistics](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics) show that there have been over 5.1 million applications to the EUSS so far, with just over 3 months to go before the deadline. So, if you haven’t done so already, make sure you apply now.

**How do you apply on behalf of a child?**

You can apply on behalf of your child or they can apply in their own right. A child is eligible for settled status or pre-settled status if they’re under 21 and either they’re:

* an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen
* not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but you are – or your spouse or civil partner is

There’s lots more helpful information on this [here on GOV.UK.](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/apply-settled-status-for-child)

**Where can you get support?**

There’s lots of help and support available to help you in applying.

**EU Settlement Scheme guidance**

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens can check guidance on how to apply, including how a parent or guardian would apply on behalf of their child(ren), on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families).

EU Settlement Scheme Resolution Centre

For questions about your application, you can call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and Saturday to Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm). [Find out about call charges](https://www.gov.uk/call-charges).

Assisted Digital

This free service is available over the phone and in person if you do not have the right access, skills or confidence to complete the online application form. Contact We Are Digital by calling 03333 445 675 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm). [For more information, visit GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-assisted-digital-service/eu-settlement-scheme-assisted-digital-service).

ID document scanning service

This service is available to complete the identity verification step if you do not have access to the EU Exit: ID Document Check app. There may be an administrative fee to use this service. For a list of locations, visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-id-document-scanner-locations/locations-offering-chip-checker-services).

Community organisations

The Home Office has provided funding for 72 organisations across the UK to provide help and support to EU citizens and their family members with their EU Settlement Scheme application. Find a local community organisation on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme) website.