

# Preparing for Brexit



You and your family members will be able to apply to the **EU Settlement Scheme** to continue living in the UK after 31 December 2020.

## What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The EU Settlement Scheme allows you and your family members to continue to live, work and study in the UK. It means you'll be able to:

- ✓ Work in the UK
- ✓ Use the NHS
- ✓ Enrol in education or continue studying
- ✓ Access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if you're eligible for them
- ✓ Travel in and out of the UK

## Who is eligible?

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

## What about family members of eligible EU citizens?

If you get settled or pre-settled status, your close family members can join you in the UK before 31 December 2020 and they'll need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme as your family member. You'll be able to bring close family members to the UK after 31 December 2020 if both of the following apply:

- ✓ Your relationship with them began before 31 December 2020
- ✓ You are still in the relationship when they apply to join you

## What's the difference between settled and pre-settled status?

**Settled status:** You will be eligible for settled status if you've been living in the UK for **more than 5** continuous years. With settled status, there is **no time limit** on how long you can stay in the UK.

**Pre-settled status:** You will be eligible for pre-settled status if you've been living in the UK for **less than 5** years. With pre-settled status, you are able to stay in the UK for 5 years.

If you receive pre-settled status, you can apply for settled status as soon as you've been living in the UK for 5 years continuously.

## When can I apply?

The application process will be fully open and free to apply from **30 March 2019** and you will be able to apply until 30 June 2020. Your rights will remain unchanged until then, provided you were a resident in the UK by 31 December 2020.

## How do I apply?

To apply for settled or pre-settled status, you will need to complete a short online application form. You can do this on a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

## The application



Verify your identity and nationality by scanning your passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card (if you are a non-EU citizen). You will also have to upload a photograph of yourself. Alternatively, you can send relevant documentation by post.



Confirm your residence. Provide your National Insurance number, if you have one. In some cases, other documentation may need to be provided. You can upload these to your application.



Complete the criminality check by declaring any criminal convictions. Only serious or persistent criminality will affect your application.

## Viewing and proving your status

If your application is successful, you'll be given either settled or pre-settled status. The Home Office will then email you a link to an online service which you can use to view and prove your status.

Please email [brexit@mitie.com](mailto:brexit@mitie.com) to inform us when you have successfully been granted settled or pre-settled status.

You will only receive a physical document if both of the following apply:

- ✓ You're from outside the EU, EEA or Switzerland
- ✓ You do not already have a biometric residence card

## If you want to spend time outside the UK

If you have settled status, you should be able to spend up to 5 years in a row outside the UK without losing your status. This is still subject to approval by Parliament.

If you have pre-settled status, you can spend up to 2 years in a row outside the UK without losing your status. You will need to maintain your continuous residence if you want to qualify for settled status.

## Where to go for more support



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit: [gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](https://gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families)



Alternatively, you can email your questions to [brexit@mitie.com](mailto:brexit@mitie.com)