



## EU Settlement Scheme: Information for EU/EEA citizen children

If you were living in the UK before 1 January 2021, and you are from one of the European countries listed on this leaflet, you **must** apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **30 June 2021**

Now that the UK has left the European Union, children and adults from other European countries who live in the UK may need to apply for permission to stay. This is called 'pre-settled' or 'settled status' depending on how long you or your parents have lived in the UK. Once you have received permission, you can carry on living in the UK as you do now. Existing close family members (who are EU or non-EU citizens) will also be allowed to come and live with you in the UK.



### How do I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme?

You need to apply online:

[www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status)

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING.** You can apply yourself if you understand how to, as long as you were living in the UK before 31 December 2020. Your parents or another adult who looks after you can also apply for you or 'link' your application with theirs.

### Is there a deadline?

**You must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021.**

If you don't apply by then, you may experience problems when it comes to applying for college, university, jobs or other benefits in the future.

### How can I get help if I need it?

If you have a question about your application or need additional support, go to: **[eu-settledstatus-enquiries.service.gov.uk](https://eu-settledstatus-enquiries.service.gov.uk)**

There is also a helpline:  
**0300 123 7379**



If you are from one of the European countries listed here, or you are a family member of someone from one of these countries, you must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by **30 June 2021**



Austria



Belgium



Bulgaria



Croatia



Republic of Cyprus



Czech Republic



Denmark



Estonia



Finland



France



Germany



Greece



Hungary



Iceland



Ireland  
(optional)



Italy



Latvia



Liechtenstein



Lithuania



Luxembourg



Malta



Netherlands



Norway



Poland



Portugal



Romania



Slovakia



Slovenia



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland



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## What will I need to apply?

- Identity document such as a passport or national identity card and a digital photo of your face
- or a biometric residence card (if you are a non-EEA citizen) - for more information see the FAQs



**Remember!**

A separate application form has to be filled out for each child in the family

## What happens when I apply?

**Step 1**

**They will make sure that you are who you say you are**

You will need to use your identity document to confirm who you are. Scan the document on your phone, send your document by post or visit a location that can scan it for you:  
[gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations](https://www.gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations)

**Step 2**

**They will make sure you are already living in the UK**

If you do not have a national insurance number, you can upload other documents such as an official letter from your bank, school or doctor.

**Step 3**

**They will do some final checks**

If you are under 18, you do not need to tell them if you have been in jail or committed a crime. They will check, however, if any applicants over the age of 10 have a criminal record.




## What happens after I have applied?




### **CONFIRMATION:**

You or your parent (if they have applied for you) will receive an email telling you if you have been granted pre-settled or settled status or not.



**DIGITAL STATUS:** You will not receive an immigration document through the post (unless you are a non-EEA family member of an EU citizen). Instead, your immigration status will be accessed and demonstrated digitally: a record will be kept online. You can get details of your status in the future by going to the gov.uk website and following the links. **MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE DETAILS OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE FUTURE, INCLUDING THE ID DOCUMENT, MOBILE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS YOU USED.**



If you have been granted pre-settled status, you will need to **APPLY FOR SETTLED STATUS** when you have been resident in the UK for at least 5 years.

Further information and answers to some frequently asked questions are available here:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/brexit/eu-settlement-scheme/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit/brexit/eu-settlement-scheme/)