**EU Settlement Scheme**

**Important information and contact details for support services**

**Please read the information and consider if you need to make an application for EUSS for your child - applications must be made by the 30th June 2021**

To be a British Citizen a child needs to:

* Be born to parents who are British Citizens
* Have gained British Citizenship
* Have gained Indefinite Leave to remain

Any child born to parents who are EU Citizens are EU children, even if they are born in the UK.

**What is Brexit?**

* On the 23rd June 2016 the people of the UK voted to leave the EU
* The transition period started on the 31st January 2020 and ended on the 31st December 2020 when the UK formally left the EU with an agreement
* Freedom of Movement of EU citizens ended on the 31st December 2020
* Those who came to the UK under the Freedom of Movement Directive are no longer free to live and work in the UK unless naturalised or they secure new immigration status under British Law – this is called **Settled Status**

**Who must apply for EU Settled Status?**

* EU/EEA and Swiss citizens in the UK must apply for new immigration status to continue living and working in the UK and to access healthcare and social security benefits
* This new status is called Settled Status - the scheme to implement this is called the EU Settlement Scheme
* The deadline for applications is the **30th June 2021**
* EU Citizens do not need to be in work to apply and can be in receipt of benefits

**The EU counties are:**

**Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Chech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden**

**What if EU citizens don’t apply?**

EU citizens who live in the UK and do not apply for EU Settled Status risk losing the following rights:

* Right to live in the UK
* Right to rent property
* Right to banking
* Right to services
* Right to work
* Right to free NHS treatment
* Right to benefits
* Right to drive a vehicle

**EU Settled Status requirements:**

* To obtain settled status, EU citizens and their family members will generally need to have lived continuously in the UK for five years. Those with less than five years residence will be granted pre-settled status until they accumulate their five years.
* To lessen the burden on applicants, support services will check the employment and benefits records the Government holds to establish the period of residence, meaning most applicants won’t need to do anything to prove their residence. Where there are gaps, a wide variety of documents can be submitted as evidence.

**What evidence do you need to apply?**

* Valid passport or ID document
* National Insurance Number - It helps the Home Office to check tax and benefits records as evidence of your residence in the UK. If you don’t have a NIN, you may well have to upload extra documentation as proof of your residency in the UK.
* If you are making an application for your children, you need evidence of their relationship to you (birth certifacte)
* Home address and contact number
* Email address – applications are processed online and the Home Office will send update via email.
* Additional evidence that you have lived in the UK for five years may be requested.

**Pre-Settled and Settled Status:**

* Pre-Settled Status will be offered if you have lived in the UK for less than five years
* Settled Status will be offered if you can show you have lived in the UK for five years or more when you apply

You will also have the right to family reunification, which means close family members (children and parents, and their children and parents) can join you at a later date

**What if you already have some immigration documents?**

* If you have a Registration Certificate or were registered under the Workers Registration Scheme you must apply.
* If you have a Permanent Residence document, you must apply. This document became invalid on 31 December 2020, however it will count as evidence of residence for your Settled Status application.
* Non-EU citizens with a residence permit can apply if they can provide evidence of their relationship to an EU citizen, as well as their biometric residence permit.
* If you have Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) you do not have to apply. Settled Status is a form of Indefinite Leave to Remain. However, applying for Settled Status might give you extra rights and more protection.

**Who can help?**

**Organisations in Bradford have extra funding to support families in completing EU Settled Status applications. Click on the link below to find out where you can access support in your area.**

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/brexit-and-the-settlement-scheme/access-support/>

**Other Useful links:**

* EU Settlement Scheme:

[www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus](http://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus)

* Applying for Settled and Pre – Settled Status: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>
* Bradford Metropolitan District Council Information: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/about-bradford-council/brexit-what-you-need-to-know/>
* Bradford Metropolitan District Council Information EU Settlement Scheme:

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/brexit-and-the-settlement-scheme/what-is-brexit/>

* Bradford Metropolitan District Council Information EU Settlement Scheme <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/brexit-and-the-settlement-scheme/what-are-settled-status-or-pre-settled-status/>
* ID document scanner locations: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-id-document-scanner-locations](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-id-document-scanner-locations)
* Assisted Digital Service:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-assisted-digital-service](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-assisted-digital-service)

* Citizens’ Rights in a no deal: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-paper-on-citizens-rights-in-the-event-of-a-no-deal-Brexit](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/policy-paper-on-citizens-rights-in-the-event-of-a-no-deal-Brexit)
* Evidence of Residence if the system hasn’t found you: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence>
* Visiting Europe after BREXIT:

<https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit>

* Driving in Europe After BREXIT:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-the-eu-after-brexit-international-driving-permits>

* Pet Travel after BREXIT:

 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>

* Foreign Travel Advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

* Sign up for EUSS updates:

<https://gov.smartwebportal.co.uk/homeoffice/public/webform.asp?id=67&id2=627DF7>