

# Brushstrokes Community Project

## EU settlement Scheme

If you are an EU citizen with children and were living in the UK by 31st December 2020, check if you need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for your children, even if you have already applied for yourself. This will protect their existing rights to things such as free healthcare and higher education. Don't leave it too late. The deadline is 30th June 2021

The UK government set up the EU Settlement Scheme to enable EU citizens to continue to live, work and study in the UK after the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 when the transition period for the UK's withdrawal from the European Union ended.

Individuals who have been living in the UK for the past 5 years can apply for settled status; those living in the UK for less than 5 years can apply for pre-settled status.

Individuals, including children, living in the UK before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 have the opportunity to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to enable them to remain in the UK.

There is a grace period that allows individuals who arrived in the UK before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to still apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

**The deadline for application was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Home Office will consider late applications in certain circumstances and this currently includes applications for Children. It is important that you don't delay applying to the scheme for your children if you have not already done so.**

- To continue to live, work or study in the UK, access NHS services and public funds, or travel in and out of the UK, EU citizens must apply for settled or pre settled status.
- EU citizens must apply to the EUSS **no matter how old they are!** Children, parents, grant parents, brothers, sisters – everybody! It is not a choice – it is a legal requirement.
- Pre-Settled Status (Limited Leave to Remain) does not change automatically into Settled Status (Indefinite Leave to Remain). Remember you do not have to wait until your Pre-Settled Status expires – when you are able to prove you have been resident in the UK for 5 years, you can submit a new application.
- You can apply via <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> or get free advice and support to apply from Brushstrokes and their partner organisations in Sandwell.
- There is no card or stamp in the passport to prove Settled or Pre-Settled Status. EU citizens can only use digital proof which is available on the dedicated GOV.UK website called "View and prove your immigration status" - <https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>

For free information and advice on EU settlement and help to apply is available in Sandwell through Brushstrokes Community Project and the Europeans Welfare Association. For help to apply please contact [info@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk](mailto:info@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk) or call 0121 565 2234.

Further updated information on our EUSS project Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/EU-Settled-Status-Advice-107678703948454>