

STAY IN THE UK: APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

Overview

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK.

You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you are an Irish citizen or already have indefinite leave to remain.

Who needs to apply?

You need to apply if you:

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen
- are an EU, EEA (including Iceland, Liechtenstein & Norway) or Swiss Citizen.
- are not an EU, EEA or Swiss Citizen but your family member is (or is an eligible person of Northern Ireland).
- must usually have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020
- have a UK 'permanent residence document'
- are a family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who does not need to apply - including if they are from Ireland
- are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member

If you have children, you need to apply for them separately.

Who does not need to apply

You do not need to apply if you :

- have indefinite leave to enter the UK
- have indefinite leave to remain in the UK
- have Irish citizenship
- are exempt from immigration control

When you can apply

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can [apply now](#) if you meet the criteria.

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. You must usually have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

The deadlines are different in some situations, for example if:

- you're [applying to join a close family member](#)
- [the family member of a British citizen](#) ('Surinder Singh' applications)
- you [stop being exempt from immigration control](#)

[Which status you get](#) may depend on when you apply.

Go to: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> now to check if the EU Settlement Scheme applies to you.

List of EU countries

The countries of the European Union (EU) are:

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

The countries of the EU also include:

- the Åland Islands
- the Azores
- the Canary Islands
- French Guiana
- Gibraltar
- Guadeloupe
- Madeira
- Martinique
- Mayotte
- Réunion
- Saint Martin

* The areas of the Republic of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus exercises effective control.