

Brexit Information

At present, non-UK EU citizens can live, work and access services, healthcare and benefits. As we approach Brexit, they will have to apply for new residence status, under the EU settlement scheme, which confirms that they live in the UK and have the right to do so. The scheme will allow them to apply to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

There will be no change to current rights under EU law until the end of the planned implementation period on 31 December 2020.

What it means:

EU citizens who have been resident in the UK for five years or more will be eligible for Settled Status. Those who have been resident for less than five years will be eligible for pre-Settled Status.

They will be able to convert this to Settled Status after five years of residency. EU residents who do not apply by June 2021 will technically have no legal basis to remain in the UK.

The Home Office have not been clear on what the impact of this will be, but people could lose rights to access welfare benefits, support services and wider public funds.

The deadline for applying will be 30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

There will be no cost to applicants and fees will be refunded to those who have already applied. UK permanent residents have the right to live permanently in the UK.

Permanent residence refers to residence status and does not affect citizenship.

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