UK leaves the EU with a DEAL

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If you or your family member is an Irish citizen then they do not need to apply.

Family members (children under the age of 21, spouse and partner, parents and grandparents)

EU citizens with settled or pre-settled status can be joined in the UK, indefinitely, by existing close family members (children, spouses and partners, parents and grandparents) living overseas on 29 March 2019, where the relationship existed by 31 December 2020 (or where a child was born overseas after this date) and continued to exist when the family member applied.

When you’ll have 5 years’ continuous residence?

5 years’ continuous residence means that for 5 years in a row you’ve been in the UK for at least 6 months in any 12 month period, except for:
- one period of up to 12 months for an important reason (for example, childbirth, serious illness, study, vocational training or an overseas work posting), or,
- compulsory military service of any length

If you’ll have 5 years’ continuous residence on the day you applied

If you apply once you’ve got 5 years’ continuous residence (and you meet all the eligibility criteria), you’ll get settled status.

You’ll usually get settled status if you’ve:
- started living in the UK by 31 December 2020
- lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period (‘continuous residence’)