

UK leaves the EU with a DEAL

Free Movement will continue until 31/12/2020. If you become a resident in the UK by this date, then you must apply under the 'EU Settlement Scheme' by 30/06/2021

How to apply?
<https://www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus>

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

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

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 exit day, 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.

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

If you will **NOT** have 5 years' continuous residence on the day you applied

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

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')

You will not be eligible for settled status before the deadline for the EU Settlement Scheme. However if you meet all the eligibility criteria, **you'll get pre-settled status** if you apply anytime before 30 June 2021.

You can then make a further application to change your pre-settled status to settled status as soon as you have 5 years' continuous residence.

If you're applying as a family member of an EU citizen:
You'll probably get a decision more quickly if you apply at the same time or after your family member applies.

Your family member will be given an application number when they apply. You can use this to 'link' your application to theirs, so that your applications are considered together