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Subject: Final reminder and important visa advice to EU/EEA/Swiss nationals
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Hello Richard

You have received this email because you are an EEA (or Swiss) national and are currently enrolled to study a course at the University of Warwick.

As the EU Settlement Scheme application deadline (30 June 2021) is fast approaching, and visa checks for EEA & Swiss nationals by universities, employers and landlords will become a legal requirement from 1 July 2021, we would like to take this opportunity to send a final reminder and offer some important visa advice to you.

If you have already obtained 'settled status' or British nationality then you may ignore this email.

EU residence documents are no longer valid after 30 June 2021

If you have not yet applied for the EU Settlement Scheme, please note that old EU residence documents such as permanent residence cards, UK residence cards and derivative residence cards will no longer be valid after 30 June 2021, when this "grace period" comes to an end.

These documents have effectively been replaced by the newer pre-settled status and settled status. These statuses are not granted automatically and anyone who only has an old EU residence document should apply for a new status by 30 June 2021.

If you intend to remain in the UK after 30 June 2021 and you are eligible for EU Settlement Scheme, you should apply NOW.

From 1 July 2021, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens (excluding Irish) living in the UK

without having applied for pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, or made an application under another visa route, will be considered to be living in the UK unlawfully. This means you may not be able to study, work or rent a room in the UK.

If you have lived in the UK before 11pm on 31 December 2020 and are eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme:

Act now if you are eligible but haven't already made your EU Settlement Scheme application as the deadline is fast approaching!

If you have already applied for the scheme and received a status (pre-settled or settled), there is nothing further for you to do for now.

If you received a pre-settled status, you will need to apply again for settled status once you have resided in the UK for a consecutive 5 years. You do not need to wait until nearer your current Pre-settled status expiry date.

If you have had absences from the UK, please read the [information \(Q4\) on our website](#) to ascertain whether you will be eligible to upgrade to settled status and your visa options if you aren't eligible.

The official deadline for applying is **30 June 2021**, but we recommend that you apply NOW and do not wait until the official deadline. The application is free of charge, fairly straightforward, and you can find step-by-step guidance and useful information on our [EEA National website](#).

If you are not eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme

Due to the coronavirus many students are permitted to study remotely from their home country in the academic year 2020/21. This means you may currently be enrolled on a course but you have not entered the UK before the end of 2020.

If you now wish to come to the UK and you have not lived in the UK before the end of 2020, you will be subject to the new Point Based Immigration System. You can now request a CAS and apply for a Student Visa under the new Student Route, if you are coming to study a full time course which is longer than 6 months. You can find detailed information about the [Student Route Visa](#) on our website.

Please contact pg.visa@warwick.ac.uk to request a new CAS if you are on a postgraduate course, or, ugvisa@warwick.ac.uk if you are on an undergraduate course (including undergraduate Master's courses).

If you are planning to come to the UK over the next a few months to continue a full time course, you can no longer travel without having obtained a Student visa beforehand. If you did arrive without a Student visa, you will need to leave the UK and re-enter with a Student visa as switching is not permitted within the UK. If you did receive a Student visa, you must remember to check your visa validity dates carefully and only enter the UK after the 'valid from' date on the Decision letter.

If you are currently enrolled on a part time or distance learning course, you may continue to come to the UK for visits of less than 6 months but will require a supporting letter as you may be asked to show one when entering the UK. Please find more information on our [Standard Visitor Visa Route](#) page.

Travelling in and out of the UK

Due to Brexit we would advise that you travel with your passport when travelling to the UK.

If you do not have a passport and do not have time to obtain a passport before you are due to travel, it is still possible for you to travel to the UK with an EU/EEA/Swiss national identification card until 30 September 2021.

From 1 October 2021, only those who have already secured settled or pre-settled status in the UK can travel to the UK with their EU/EEA/Swiss national identification card until 31 December 2025.

If you have a biometric passport, the quickest way to enter the UK is via the use of e-gate (although it might not be possible during the coronavirus pandemic). When you arrive in the UK there will be clear signs directing eligible people to use the e-Gate.

If you are unable to use the e-gate for whatever reason, you will need to see a Border officer and they might ask you some questions in relation to your immigration status.

We would advise that you carry a printed copy of your digital status in your hand luggage (you can gain access to your digital status via the [GOV website](#)) and a copy of your 'student status letter' which confirms that you were enrolled on a course at Warwick before 31 December 2020 (you can request this [Certificate of Status Letter](#) via Student Records online).

If you have received a Student Visa because you are coming for a course which is

longer than 6 months and you have not been a resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, you may wish to bring the 'decision letter' with you (this is the email that confirms your visa has been granted and its validity dates).

If you do not have a visa at the time of arrival because you are coming to study a course which is less than 6 months long or a part time/ distance learning course, you will be requesting a 'Standard Visitor Visa' on arrival. In this case, bring evidence that you are offered a place to study at Warwick with you (this is usually your offer letter if you are coming for a short period of study abroad, exchange or visiting research).

Further information

We hope you find this information useful.

If you require any personalised advice, please do get in touch with us.

You can submit an online enquiry form, or speak with an International Student Adviser in an 'Immigration helpdesk' appointment which you can self-book via MyAdvantage:

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