

Stay in Scotland after Brexit

- Following decisions by the UK Government the UK has now left the EU.
- EU citizens* who are resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 will have to apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021 to continue living in the UK.

Who must apply?

- EU citizens and any of their family members who are not UK or EU citizens must apply.
- Those with permanent residence documents must apply.
- EU citizens with indefinite leave to remain in the UK (ILR) do not need to apply, but can apply if they wish to do so.
- Irish citizens do not need to apply, but can if they wish. There are separate arrangements for Irish citizens under the Common Travel Area. Non-Irish family members will need to apply.

Even if you have been resident in the UK for a long time you will still need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after Brexit.

How do you apply?

- To apply, visit www.gov.uk. The application process is online.
- You must verify your identity by scanning a biometric passport, national identity card or residence card – you can do this using an app on your phone, by visiting an ID document scanning service location or by sending your documents to the Home Office.
- You need to show you have been resident in the UK. This requires you to either provide a National Insurance number for an automated check or show proof of your residence.
- You must declare any criminal history.

* EU citizens is used throughout this document to also refer to EEA and Swiss nationals who are eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

What are you applying for?

- EU citizens who have been resident in the UK for five continuous years can apply for *settled status*.
- EU citizens who have been resident in the UK for less than five years can apply for *pre-settled status*.

Where can you get help?

The Scottish Government's *Stay in Scotland* campaign includes a package of support for EU citizens:

- Digital and printed toolkits providing information and signposting to available support including:
 - A guide for EU citizens
 - A guide for employers of EU citizens
 - A factsheet
 - Posters and leaflets
- Over £1 million of funding committed to supporting EU citizens in Scotland including through:
 - Citizens Advice Scotland's Advice and Support Service
 - Other community based support across Scotland

Further information and copies of *Stay in Scotland* materials are available at www.gov.scot/stayinScotland.

You can also find more information on how Brexit may affect you at www.mygov.scot/brexit.

Citizens Advice Scotland – Advice and Support Service

If you are facing difficulties with your EU Settlement Scheme application and want additional support, advice or information, you can phone Citizens Advice Scotland free on **0800 916 9847** or contact a local Citizens Advice Bureau. Find your local Citizens Advice Bureau at www.cas.org.uk/bureaux.

