


Glossary of commonly used terms

EU Settlement Scheme – This is the UK Government’s scheme to which EU citizens need to apply by 30 June 2021 if they wish to continue living, working and studying in the UK after that date.

Settled Status - This is also known as indefinite leave to remain or enter and means people with this status will be able to stay in the UK for as long as they like and spend up to five years in a row outside the UK. EU citizens who have been in the UK for five continuous years will be able to apply for ‘settled status’.

Pre-settled Status – This is also known as limited leave to remain or enter. EU citizens who have been in the UK less than five years can apply for ‘pre-settled status’. After five years continuous residence they can they apply for ‘settled status’.

Biometric Passport – This is a passport with an embedded electronic microprocessor chip which contains biometric information that can be used to authenticate the identity of the passport holder. It is indicated by this symbol on your passport 

Close Family Member – This includes spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, dependent children and grandchildren and dependent parents and grandparents

Implementation Period – The UK has left the EU with a deal, the Withdrawal Agreement states that the period from EU exit until 31 December 2020 will see the rights of EU citizens unchanged while new arrangements are put in place.

5 Years Continuous Residence – This means over five consecutive years you have not spent more than six months outside the UK in any 12 month period. There are some exceptions including pregnancy, serious illness, study, overseas postings and vocational training.