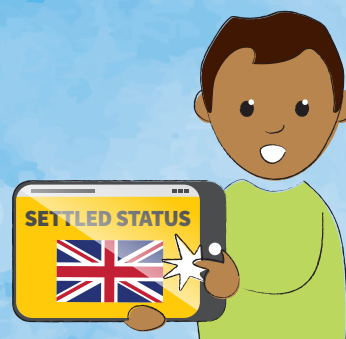




## APPLYING FOR SETTLED STATUS



**You will need to have a valid immigration status to continue to live in the UK after Brexit.**

The Government has opened its Settled Status scheme in March 2019 and **you must apply by December 2020** to get your status (in case of a deal, the application period will be extended to June 2021).

Not having a valid immigration status is not a viable option for you and your family after Brexit.



### Am I eligible?

- ✓ The Settled Status scheme is open to UK residents from the following countries:  
**EU ; EEA ; Switzerland**
- ✓ You may also be eligible **if you come from another country** if your current residence status is derived from an EU citizen. Please verify your eligibility at [settled.org.uk](https://settled.org.uk)
- ✓ **If you are a long term resident**, your current Indefinite Leave to Remain document will entitle you to remain and you do not need to apply but it could be beneficial for you to do so.



### I have a criminal record

**We recommend you seek legal advice before applying.**

More information is available at [settled.org.uk](https://settled.org.uk)



### My English is not good enough to understand the application

Settled offers help in **23 languages on its website.**



### What do I need to successfully apply?

- ✓ **A valid ID document** (a passport or an ID card) – your ID document must be within dates. If you haven't got a valid ID document, or cannot get hold of it, contact your consulates urgently to get a new one.
- ✓ **Proof of residence** (see overleaf).



### I am not computer literate or I don't have access to a smartphone or a computer

You can **book an appointment with the Home Office in a library** near you to get help with your application, including access to a computer.



### I've lived in the UK for less than five years

**Settled Status requires a continuous five years residence in the UK.** If you have lived in the UK for less than five years or had breaks of over 6 months, you may only **get pre-settled status.**

Pre-settled status will be valid until you reach a period of 5 years of continuous residence when you will be able to apply for Settled Status.



## About Settled

Settled is a new charity that aims to help vulnerable EU citizens in the UK in applying to Settled Status. The charity works with a network of volunteers across the country.

- If you can, **please donate to Settled** so we can reach out to vulnerable EU citizens across the country.
- If you wish to **become a volunteer**, please join us at [settled.org.uk](https://settled.org.uk)



## SETTLED STATUS PROVING YOUR RESIDENCE



**In some cases it may be difficult to prove five years of continuous residence in the UK.**

The government's own electronic records are known to be incomplete and might only cover recent years. It is also possible that, due to life circumstances, some people may not have any electronic records on the government's systems. Either way, it will be useful to **make sure that you keep as much evidence of your time in the UK as possible.**

The Gov has published a full list of evidence the Home Office will accept at: [www.settled.org.uk](http://www.settled.org.uk)

### CHECK LIST

- ☐ Make sure that your and your family's **passports or National ID cards are still valid** for a good while after Brexit Day (currently 31 October 2019)
- ☐ If you haven't got a passport or an ID card, or if it is about to expire, make an appointment with your embassy or consulate to **apply for a new document** as soon as possible
- ☐ If you have not done so yet, **register with your embassy or consulate**
- ☐ If you have not done so yet, register with your Council on the **local electoral register**
- ☐ Keep **all council tax and utility bills** – water, gas, electricity, TV licence and mainline and mobile phone, which have your name and address on them
- ☐ If your **name is not on any council tax and utility bills**, get it added now if possible
- ☐ For women in particular, make sure that the **name on bills, payslips etc. matches the name on your passport or ID**
- ☐ Track down old and keep **current rental and tenancy agreements, or mortgage agreements**
- ☐ Keep **any payslips, P45s and P60s**
- ☐ Keep **bank and building society statements**, preferably annual ones
- ☐ Keep old and current **employment contracts**
- ☐ Keep any **letters from employers**, confirming the period of your employment; **letters from accredited course/education providers, schools/colleges; letters from a registered care home; letters from a GP**
- ☐ Keep **any communication with government departments** (for instance letters from HMRC, DWP, NHS, DVLA, Housing Benefits, etc.)
- ☐ Keep **any domestic bills**, for example, for insurance, **veterinary bills** or **home services/repairs**, that have your name on them
- ☐ **Do not throw away anything else** that could be used to prove that you have lived continuously in the UK for 5 years or more (the longer the better)