

EUSS Settlement Scheme



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EU Settlement Scheme

Introduction to the EU Settlement Scheme

Background – current position

Over 5 million applications

53% - Settled Status

44% - Pre-settled Status

Data is available – monthly and quarterly

Number of applications not the unique number of applicants

What is the EU Settlement Scheme & who should apply

- Designed to enable EEA citizens to continue to live, work and study in the UK
- Open in full since 30 March 2019 – Free - Deadline for Applications is the 30 June 2021
- Individuals with settled or pre-settled status are eligible for the following (same basis as current but may change)
 - Access to benefits, public funds and pensions
 - Public services, such as healthcare and education
- Individuals with settled status may also be eligible for British Citizenship – if they want to apply and meet the criteria

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- Irish Citizens do not need to apply but may do so if they wish
- EEA Citizens and family members with ILE/ILR can swap their existing status with EUSS which offers additional benefits such as family re-unification – should be encouraged to do so
- Non-EU family members also need to apply
- British Citizens cannot apply

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- They need to apply even if -
- They were born in the UK but are not a British citizen
 - have a UK ‘permanent residence document’
 - are a family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who does not need to apply - including if they are from Ireland
 - are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member

Application Process

- 3 Key Steps in the application process (online & paper)
- Proof of ID – identity & Nationality
- Residency – length of time (NiNo or documents)
- Criminality check

Vulnerable or at risk adults

- Elderly
- People with disabilities and/or serious health conditions (physical/mental impairments)
- People without a permanent address e.g.homeless/rough sleepers or traveller communities
- Children in care/young adults who have left care
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Victims of modern slavery and/or trafficking
- Language/literacy problems

Vulnerable or at risk adults

- May be unaware that they need to apply
- ILR – those who have been resident in the UK for a long time
- They may not be able to understand the application process
- They may need help with the technology/applying online
- They may need language support
- May be unaware of what information they need to apply
- May be unable to obtain or product the proof of identity and nationality
- Young adults may not be aware that they can apply without parental consent

Older citizens

- Number of over 65's appears to be very low
- The total number of EUSS eligible people living in the UK is not known
- Not everyone is known - underestimated the number of vulnerable people (not connected to support services)
- Suggest that a large number of over 65 yr. olds still have to apply
- Impact of Covid-19 – significant reduction in family contact time

Where to access help

- 72 Grant Funded Organisations
- OISC Accreditation
- Level 1

Immigration Law, relevant forms and processes

Knowledge of evidence needed

Awareness of Immigration Regulations

Draft letters and complete application forms

Provide evidence in support of applications

Maintain records and information

Applications in respect of adults with care or support needs

Anyone eligible to apply to EUSS must do so before the 30th June this year. This includes eligible adults who are lacking the mental capacity to make their own decisions, or with broader care or support needs such as those who may be residing in a residential care home or receiving care and support services in their own home, with long-term physical or mental health needs or a disability.

Who can make applications in respect of adults with care or support needs

- Person with a power of attorney for the applicant
- A deputy appointed by the Court of Protection in England and Wales
- A controller appointed by an order made by the High Court in Northern Ireland a legal guardian
- Another appropriate third party e.g. friend, family member, carer, social worker, support worker or legal representative – *Case worker guidance*
- *<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-caseworker-guidance>*

Issues

- Priority now is to identify eligible citizens and submit applications
- Not having a lawful status under current immigration law (currently applicable to non-EEA citizens) means no right to work, rent, access benefits
- Will apply to EU citizens and families who miss the deadline and possibly for those who have made an application and waiting for an outcome

Key Contacts

- EU Resolution Centre
 - 0300 123 7379 (inside UK)
 - +44 (0) 203 080 0010 (outside UK)
 - Organisations supporting applicants
 - 0300 790 0566
 - Grant Funded Organisations can also liaise with the EUSS Grants Team

Website & Contact Details

ADASS Website

www.adass.org.uk/euss

Government Guidance

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

CPA Guidance

<https://careprovideralliance.org.uk/euss-and-adults-using-care-services>