

# European migrants & Brexit



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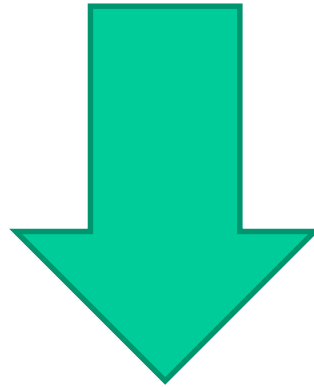
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# Brexit: Settled Status

5 years  
exercising  
treaty rights



5 years of  
continuous  
residence

~~Permanent  
Residence~~

**Settled  
Status**

# Who is eligible?



- EU citizens
- Close family members of EU citizens
- Irish citizens do not need to apply
- Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland [TBC]

# Application process (1)



- Online, automated process.
- Options for vulnerable EU nationals / cannot satisfy online requirements
- Either:
  - Settled status (if 5+ years by 31 Dec 2020)
  - Pre-settled status (if < 5 yrs)



# Application process (2)



- Cost:
  - Adults £65
  - Children < 16 years £32.50
  - Existing PR / ILR £0
  
- No documentation provided





# Timeline

When	What
Present	Nothing has changed!
March 2019	Settled Status scheme fully opens
March 2019 – Dec 2020	Requirement for new EU migrants to register with Home Office <b>[TBC]</b>
1 Jan 2021	Free movement ceases
30 June 2021	Deadline for applying for applying Settled Status

# *“What should I do?”*



British government position is European migrants do not need to do anything yet.

**But** some people may wish to apply for Permanent Residence **now** including:



- EEA nationals planning to apply for British citizenship
- EEA / non EEA couples who are divorcing



# Key points

- **All** EU citizens (except Irish) will have to apply for Settled Status
- **Reassurance:** EEA migrants who are here will continue to enjoy rights/ entitlements








# Need for clarification

- The Home Office has yet to confirm how settled status applies to frontier/cross border workers
- Likewise, it is unclear whether settled status gives full access to social security benefits

# More information



- Free information sessions with a lawyer for EEA nationals /community groups (approximately 40 people)
- Book through Law Centre Network or contact at Law Centre  028 9024 4401
- Stay up-to-date / email alerts  
[www.eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.eucitizensrights.campaign.gov.uk)

