



In January 2020 the United Kingdom (Britain and Northern Ireland) left the European Union. This was called 'Brexit'.

In 2019 the Home Office brought in a scheme to register people from European countries living in the U.K. before Brexit. This is called the European Union Settlement Scheme.

The scheme applies to all people from countries in the European Union (as well as people from Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) who were living in the U.K. before Brexit. It also applies to their families. If these people do not have British nationality or do not have indefinite permission to enter the U.K. or indefinite permission to stay in the U.K., they must apply to the scheme.

People who apply to the scheme must have started living in the U.K. before the 31st of December 2000.

People who apply may be given either 'Settled Status' or 'Pre-settled Status'. This depends on how long they have been living here.

The scheme is free.

People who are given settled status or pre-settled status will be able to:

- Work in the U.K.
- Use the NHS for free
- Start school or college or carry on going to school or college
- Apply for social security benefits and pensions
- Travel in and out of the U.K.

It is important to apply to the scheme before the 30th of June 2021.

This is a very brief summary of the scheme. You can find out more and apply to the scheme at the following web-site: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Once you are on the web-site you should scroll down to the section marked '**Fees**'. In this section you will see the words '**This guide is also available in 26 European languages**'. If you click here, you will find all the information you need in the major European languages.

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