

EU Settlement Scheme FAQ

Please email euss@bimm.ac.uk for any questions regarding the EU Settlement Scheme.

Check the Glossary for definitions.

Consider the checklist when making your EUSS application.

Who can apply?

The EU Settlement Scheme is applicable to nationals of the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain or Sweden or Switzerland

Who can apply			Important to consider		
EU citizens	EEA citizens: Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland	Swiss citizens	If you hold a UK Passport along with EU/EEA nationality, do not apply for EUSS	Irish citizens are not required to apply for Settled Status but may wish to do so	Family members who are not Irish citizens or British citizens will need to apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible family members of all of the above - Eligible family members of British Citizens who <u>have exercised a right to reside in another EU country</u> <p><i>See Home Office Guidance for details of eligible family members</i></p>			EU citizens with Permanent Residence will need to apply.	EU citizens with Indefinite Leave to Remain can apply (recommended if no proof of holding ILR)	Children of 'settled status' holders under 21 can also apply for 'settled status' without needing to be in the UK for five years.

What happens if I don't apply?

Those who do not apply by the deadline will effectively become undocumented and may be vulnerable to being withdrawn from your course and removed from the UK. Alternatively, you will need to obtain a UK visa under the new Points Based Immigration System, which will be launched at the end of 2020.

What do I do if my continuous residency has been affected negatively by COVID 19?

Please email the International Team (euss@bimm.ac.uk) for further advice. Please remember to confirm in your email the date when you left the UK and the date you intend to return to the UK.

How do I show my status when I cross the UK border?

As your evidence of your status is digital, your pre-settled or settled status should be linked to your biometric chip in your passport. When visiting a border officer or when scanning your Passport at the electronic gates, this should be shown automatically. In case of any technical issues, it is recommended that you carry a physical copy of the grant letter you received from the Home Office which was attached to the email notifying you of the outcome of your EUSS application..

How do I update my College on my Status?

You can notify your college of your pre-settled or settled status by sending a PDF version of your electronic status and your decision letter to euss@bimm.ac.uk. Alternatively you can share your status with us by following this [link](#) and by entering euss@bimm.ac.uk when prompted.

I'm concerned about changing my address after applying for the scheme. Could that be an issue?

Your change of address will not be an issue. If you change address you can provide your new address details online to the Home Office.

If we are abroad when applying and don't know when we are coming back, which address should we write?

You should declare the address of the location you are currently in. On the online form you are asked to declare whether you are outside or inside the UK.

Will an ID Card be okay to prove my identity? In what case would I need a passport?

You can use an ID card for your application. If your ID card is not biometric you will either have to post it to the Home Office for verification or go to a Home Office visa application centre. However, we would advise that you use your passport for your application. You will not be able to enter the UK using an ID card in the future. For compliance purposes our International team will require a scan copy of your passport.

I applied for the scheme a few months ago, and I still am waiting for the decision; should I apply again?

No, you do not need to re-apply if you have already applied. But you need to contact the Home Office to check on why you have not received a decision on your application as you should have received a decision by now. Please call the EUSS Resolution Centre on +44 (0)203 080 0010.

Does settled status expire?

Settled status will not have an expiry date. Please note however, you will lose Settled Status if you leave the UK for a period of five consecutive years (four years for Swiss citizens). It can also be revoked for subsequent criminal offending.

What if a family member wants to visit you in the UK after December 31st, 2020, will they have to apply for a visa?

If your family member is an EU national, they will likely be able to enter the UK as a Visitor. Please note that they will not need to apply for a Visitor visa before travelling to the UK.

If I hold pre-settled status, and leave the UK for holidays (like Christmas, Easter break, etc.) will I lose my status?

If you have pre-settled status, you can spend up to 2 years in total outside the UK without losing your status. You will need to maintain 5 years' continuous residence if you want to qualify for settled status. Five years' continuous residence means that for 5 years in a row you've been in the UK, for at least 6 months in any 12-month period.

Deadlines and timelines to apply:

31st December 2020 – deadline for UK entry for eligibility for the scheme.

30th June 2021 – final application deadline for the EU Settlement Scheme.

It is highly recommended to apply as soon as possible, as we anticipate a high influx in applications closer to the application deadline. If you are eligible to apply, please do as soon as possible!

The only exception to this is if your 5th year of continuous residency occurs between now and June 30th, 2021, in which case we recommend applying for settled status after this date occurs.