
The EU Settlement Scheme Update – 10th March 2020

What is the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)?

On 29th March 2019 the Home Office introduced The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), which is a process that will allow any EU, EEA or Swiss nationals to continue to live, study and work in the UK. EU citizens who have continuously lived in the UK for at least 5 years will automatically be granted settled status. If an EU citizen lived in the UK for more than 6 months but not 5 years they would be eligible for the pre-settled status which would guarantee their existing rights to live, work and study in the UK. When EU citizens with pre-settled status have lived in the UK for over 5 years they will be granted settled status.

The current deadline for applications to the settlement scheme is 30th of June 2021.

How to apply for the EUSS:

1. Visit the following link to start the application process:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>

2. Proof of Identity

EU citizens can prove their identities in multiple ways:

- Use the EU Exit App to scan your ID document (only works on Android or iPhone 7 or above).
- Send in the ID document via post to the Home Office.
- Book an appointment for an ID document scan in a scanning service location.

Locations offering ID document scanning:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-id-document-scanner-locations/locations-offering-chip-checker-services>

3. Proof of Residence

Some of the easiest ways for students to provide the proof of residence would be to provide at least one of the following:

- Invoice for fees from your school and evidence of payment.
- A letter or certificate from your school showing the dates you enrolled, attended or completed your course.
- Annual bank statement or account summary, showing at least 6 months of payments received or spending in the UK.

Other types of evidence that can be used can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence>

4. What next?

Once the application is successful you will receive a confirmation e-mail including digital evidence of your awarded EUSS status.

What happens if a student hasn't applied under EUSS by the deadline?

In the EUSS statement of intent published by the Home Office it was said that the EU/EEA nationals who missed the deadline for good reasons would still be able to apply for the EUSS. They may need to provide evidence to explain their delayed application. Delayed applications will be subject to the discretion of the Home Office so we strongly encourage students who may wish to remain in the UK beyond the 2020 to apply before the deadline in June 2021. We encourage schools to retain copies of their decision letters and monitor the status of pending applications.