

# THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME: FAQs FOR STUDENTS

## WHAT IS THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME?

The EU Settlement Scheme will allow EU citizens to remain in the UK and live, work and study after Brexit. It means you will continue to be eligible for:

- **Public services**, such as healthcare and schools
- **Public funds**, such as pensions
- **British citizenship**, if you meet the requirements and want to apply

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

### **Under the current withdrawal agreement:**

If you are an EU citizen, you will be eligible for settled status if you **both**:

- Started living in the UK by 31 December 2020
- **And** have lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period

If you have not been in the UK for five years you will be able to apply for pre-settled status, which will allow you to stay in the UK for up to five years and then apply for settled status.

**In the case of no deal:** If you are an EU citizen, you will be eligible for settled status if you **both**:

- Started living in the UK by 29 March 2019
- **And** have lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period

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**You can apply for settled or pre-settled status for free from 30 March.**

Keep an eye on the gov.uk website for more information about the scheme, and how to apply: [gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families)

## SHOULD I APPLY FOR SETTLED STATUS?

If you have settled or pre-settled status, it will be easier for you to remain in the UK after graduating. If you think that you will want to stay in the UK after you finish your degree, it is worth applying. From 29 March 2019 it will cost you nothing to apply through the scheme.

## DO I NEED TO APPLY TO THE SETTLEMENT SCHEME IN ORDER TO COMPLETE MY DEGREE IN THE UK?

If you will be studying at a UK university on 29 March 2019 and your degree finishes before December 2020 you do not need to apply through the settlement scheme to complete your degree. You will also continue to be eligible for home student fees throughout your degree.

If your degree finishes after 2020, this may depend on the outcome of Brexit negotiations. The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) regularly updates its information for EU students, and has advisors who can help you, so keep an eye on the website: [ukcisa.org.uk](https://ukcisa.org.uk).

## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR SETTLED STATUS?

**Under the current withdrawal agreement:**  
20 June 2021

**In the case of no deal:** 31 December 2020