

The Falmouth & Exeter Students' UnionAdvice Service

EU Settlement Scheme

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What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020. The Brexit transition period is coming to an end and there will be new rules in place from 1 January 2021.

If you are a student from the EU, EEA or Switzerland and are intending to live, study and work in the UK beyond 31 December 2020, you will need to make an application under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Students who enter the UK on or before 31 December 2020 will be able to study and work here without restriction so long as they apply for pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme before 30 June 2021. Nevertheless, you are recommended to **apply before 31 December 2020**.

Students entering the UK after 31 December 2020 will need to apply for a visa in the same way as any other non-UK national.

Nationals of the Republic of Ireland are not required to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme and will not be required to apply for visas to study in the UK.

Who should apply for the EU Settlement Scheme?

Except in a few cases, you need to apply if:

- You're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen; or
- You're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but your family member is Further details of who should apply for the EU Settlement Scheme is available online via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

To qualify for the EU Settlement Scheme, you must be resident in the UK on or before 31 December 2020.

Successful applications to the EU Settlement Scheme will grant you either:

- Settled status, if you have been resident in the UK for five or more years; or
- Pre-settled status, if you have been resident in the UK less than five years.

You do not need to have lived here for a long period of time. You are considered to be 'resident' so long as you have entered and are currently living in the UK.

How do I apply?

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. Submit your application for settled or pre-settled status online via [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

How much does the application cost?

The application to the EU Settlement Scheme is free of charge.

What happens after you apply?

Once you have completed your application you will receive a certificate of application which will contain your application number.

If your application is successful you will be granted one of the following immigration statuses:

- **Settled Status**

You may be eligible for settled status if you have already been living in the UK for 5 continuous years at the point of your application.

- **Pre-settled status**

You are likely to receive this if you have not been resident in the UK for 5 years in a row.

If you receive 'pre-settled status', you will receive a 5-year visa with an expiry date. If your aim is to obtain 'settled status' you will need to ensure that you do not leave the UK in the 5 years for periods longer than permitted.

Travelling to the UK

From 1 January 2021, if you travel outside of the UK, on your return you may be required to show your immigration document. If you have not applied under the 'EU Settlement Scheme' then you may be mistakenly admitted to the UK as a 'visitor' which means you may not be able to continue your study or work.

I am currently interrupting/intermittent; will the EU Settlement Scheme affect me?

To qualify for the EU Settlement Scheme, you must be resident in the UK on or before 31 December 2020. Students undertaking a course in the UK must have an immigration status which allows them to study for the duration of their course.

If you are returning to the UK from 1 January 2021, you are likely to need to student visa in order to continue your studies.

For further information:

- Go to the Government website, [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
- Exeter students should attend one of the University's EU Settlement Scheme [Q&A sessions](#) or email visaadvice@exeter.ac.uk
- Falmouth students should contact Student.Records@falmouth.ac.uk