

Haringey and Brexit

Are you an EU citizen
living in Haringey?

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We want to reassure you that you are all valued members of our community in Haringey and we are here to help you secure your right to continue living and working here whatever happens with Brexit.

The process for applying to stay in the UK – the EU Settlement Scheme – is designed to be straightforward, but if you have any problems, please ask for help.

What do I need to do?

The first thing to do is check if you will need to apply for what the Government is calling settled status.

If you're an EU citizen or a family member of an EU citizen, you'll usually need to apply if you want to stay in the UK after 30 June 2021.

For example, you will need to apply if you:

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen
- are married to a British citizen and you're from the EU

If you are a non-UK EU citizen and want to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021, you and your family members will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Irish citizens do not need to apply to the scheme to protect their rights in the UK.

You can find out more at www.gov.uk/eusettdstatus

For some it might be obvious that you need to apply, but for others it might not be as clear.

It is really important that you check your right to stay.

The EU Settlement Scheme allows you to continue to live, work and study here in the UK. It means you continue to be eligible for:

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

For more information on the difference between settled status and citizenship go to

www.haringey.gov.uk/brexit

When should I apply?

The EU Settlement Scheme is now open.

The **deadline** for applying will be **30 June 2021**, or **31 December 2020** if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. You must have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

You can apply for settled status if you have lived in the UK for 5 years. If you have lived here for less than 5 years, you may be entitled to pre-settled status, which you can then apply to convert into settled status as soon as you have 5 years' continuous residence.

What will I need to apply?

There is no charge for applications for settled status or pre-settled status. To complete your application you will need:

- access to the internet on a computer, tablet or smartphone
- a valid passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card (if you are a non-EU citizen)
- a recent photograph of yourself or the ability to take one using a smartphone or camera
- proof of your relationship to a family member from the EU living in the UK, if you're from outside the EU
- your National Insurance number, if you have one.

If you provide your National Insurance number there will be an automated check of your residence based on tax and certain benefit records.

If this check is successful, you'll not need to provide any documents as proof of residence.

You'll only need to provide documents if there is not enough information on record to confirm how much time you've been living in the UK.

You will be told immediately after you apply if you need to provide any documents. You'll be able to submit photos or scans of your documents through the online application form.

Where can I get help?

You can get help called 'Assisted Digital support' to use the EU Settlement Scheme online application form if you do not have the right access, skills or confidence to complete the form.

Haringey Council is working with **WeAreDigital (WAD)** to provide support in person to people who wish to apply for EU settled status.

If you want help please contact **WeAreDigital** on **03333 445 675** or text the word "**VISA**" to **07537 416 944** Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

WeAreDigital can make an appointment for you to get help from someone at either Wood Green Library or the Marcus Garvey Centre.

To get the latest information on the EU Settlement Scheme and how to apply visit **www.gov.uk/eusettdstatus** and for the latest information on Haringey and Brexit visit **www.haringey.gov.uk/brexit**

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Haringey is a vibrant and multicultural borough, where people of all cultures are proud to live. We have a long history of welcoming migrants from all over the world, and Haringey is associated with a spirit of openness and tolerance.

We want to assure you that, whatever happens, we want Haringey to remain an open, tolerant and diverse borough in which everyone feels welcome.

We will work with our local communities to address issues that arise from Brexit where it is within our power; will lobby central government where it is not; and we will support all parts of our communities through this period of change and uncertainty.

For updated information, advice, help and support visit www.haringey.gov.uk/brexit

