

Dear [REDACTED]

I am pleased to inform you that your application under the EU Settlement Scheme has been successful and that you have been granted **Limited Leave to Remain (LTR) in the United Kingdom for five years** under Appendix EU to the Immigration Rules. This is also referred to as **pre-settled status**. Your status takes effect from the date of this letter, which can be found above.

Your pre-settled status in the UK can be confirmed online through the Home Office online checking service 'View and Prove your Rights in the UK': view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk You may use the online service to show your pre-settled status in the UK. ****This letter is not proof of your status.****

Important information about viewing your status online and about your status and rights is included with this letter.

What this means for you

You have permission to stay in the UK under the Immigration Rules until five years from the date of this letter. If you wish to apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, you can do so as soon as you meet the qualifying criteria for this. You should make an application before your pre-settled status expires.

You can also rely on any EEA rights that you may have until 31 December 2020. Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/right-to-reside.

Next steps

You have been granted pre-settled status and can remain in the UK for five years from the date of this letter and you may be entitled to obtain settled status in due course.

If you believe that you qualify for settled status already you can make another application under the EU Settlement Scheme: apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk. If you apply before 30 March 2019 you will need to pay the application fee again.

Alternatively, you can apply for administrative review if you think the decision maker made an error or didn't follow the published guidance, or where you have new information or evidence in support of your application.

You have 28 calendar days from the date on which you receive this decision to apply for administrative review.

Information on how to apply for administrative review, the process and the fees payable are all available online at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-pilot-applicant-information

The administrative review application form is available online at: visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/admin-review

****Important information about your pre-settled status is below. This also tells you how you could apply for settled status in the future.****

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, details on contacting us can be found on our website: <https://eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Secretary of State

Important information

Your status

Your pre-settled status will expire on 06 February 2024. If you wish to remain in the UK after this date, you can apply for settled status before then. See 'Applying for settled status' below for information on when and how you can apply for settled status in the UK.

Your pre-settled status gives you the right to stay in the UK under UK immigration law. At the same time, until 31 December 2020, you can also continue to rely on any rights you have as an EU citizen or family member of an EU citizen: www.gov.uk/right-to-reside.

Applying for settled status

Your pre-settled status allows you to remain in the UK for five years. You can apply for settled status when you qualify for it. This generally means demonstrating that you have been continuously resident in the UK for five years. You must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for pre-settled status which can be found here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

There are some circumstances in which you may be able to qualify for settled status before accruing five years' continuous residence. You can find further information at: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

Online evidence of your status

This letter is not proof of your status in the UK. Your status is linked to the passport or national identity card that was used to apply for the scheme.

You can view your online status at any time using this service: view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk.

As well as being able to use valid residence documentation or a passport or national identity card to evidence your status until 31 December 2020, you can soon also use the Home Office online checking service to prove your rights: view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk.

The online checking service is available now to show your right to work to an employer by letting them view your status online. In due course, it will also be available to you to show a landlord your right to rent accommodation. Checks are already carried out by employers or landlords when you wish to work or rent in the UK but this online service will allow the checking of your new pre-settled status. This information is protected by Data Protection Legislation and employers and landlords will only be able to check your status if you have given them permission to do so. If you would like to see how this works, you can log on to the service: view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk.

To keep your online status up to date, you will need to tell us if you change your passport or national identity card for any reason. As most passports and national identity cards expire every 10 years, you will probably need to inform the Home Office within the next 10 years of the details of your replacement documentation. You can find out more general information about viewing and proving your rights online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-view-and-prove-your-rights-in-the-uk.

Work and access to services

You do not need permission from a Government department to take or change employment. You may engage in business or an occupation, or be self-employed, as long as you comply with any legal requirements for that activity. You will still need to prove your right to work in the UK to employers, just as you do now.

You do not need permission to enrol in education or continue studying.

You are entitled to NHS healthcare if you are ordinarily resident in the UK.

Whether you are entitled to benefits and other public funds depends on whether you meet the relevant eligibility requirements which are set by the issuing Government department, local authority or delivery partner.

At the UK border

There are no changes for when you travel to the UK. You must continue to present your passport or national identity card at the UK border.

Time outside the UK

Under current UK immigration law, if you are absent from the UK for a continuous period of more than two years, your pre-settled status will lapse. If you leave the UK for more than two years and your pre-settled status lapses, you will need to make a new application under one of the routes which may be available to you to return to the UK. In the application, you will need to meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules in force at that time.

Please note that if you wish to be eligible to apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, you will generally need to demonstrate that you have been continuously resident in the UK for at least five years.

Continuity of residence for that purpose is not broken by a temporary absence or absences from the UK of up to six months in any 12-month period; or by a single absence of up to 12 consecutive months for an important reason, such as pregnancy and childbirth, serious illness, study or an overseas work posting; or by compulsory military service.

If continuity of residence is broken but you resume residence in the UK by 31 December 2020, the date you can apply for settled status on the basis of your UK residence will be delayed. You need to accrue five years' continuous residence in order to be eligible for settled status on that basis. Time spent in the UK before an absence which breaks your continuity of residence cannot be counted. Further information about the eligibility requirements for settled status can be found here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

Family members

If you have family members resident in the UK – whether they are EU citizens or non-EU citizens – they will also be able to apply for status under the EU Settlement Scheme, if they have not already done so. You can find further information about this at: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

Removal from the UK

Where a person who is not a British citizen commits a serious criminal offence, consideration will be given to whether they should be permitted to continue living in the UK.

Further information

The Data Protection Act 2018 governs how we use personal data. For details of how we will use your personal information and who we may share it with please see our Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system at www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship. This also explains your key rights under the Act, how you can access your personal information and how to complain if you have concerns.

For more information about EU citizens and their family members in the UK, please see: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

For further information or if you have any queries, our contact details are on our website: <https://eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk>.