

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you have the option to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living and working in the UK after 30 June 2021.

## How to apply:

As valued employees of YHA, you now have the option to apply for settled status through the EU Settlement Scheme. The deadline for applying will be 30 June 2021 and it's free to apply.

If your application is successful, you'll get either settled or pre-settled status and you'll be able to continue living and working in the UK after 30 June 2021.

If you're an EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen and you started living in the UK by 31 December 2020, you'll need proof of your identity, and your residence in the UK, unless you have a valid permanent residence document, or valid indefinite leave to remain in or enter the UK.

Visit <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status> to apply. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

Once you have applied, you should receive an email from Gov.uk.

Please send this notification to [sharedservices@yha.org.uk](mailto:sharedservices@yha.org.uk) and the team will be able to download your 'Right to Work Check' for our records.

As there will be no changes to rights until June 2021, right to work checks will remain as currently required by law.

YHA will continue to endeavour to support all employees; if you or anyone else affected has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the People Team.

You can continue to live in the UK without applying to the EU Settlement Scheme if you have indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK. However, if you choose to apply (and meet all the other conditions), you'll get 'indefinite leave to remain under the EU Settlement Scheme' - also known as settled status.

## Settled Status

You'll usually get settled status if you've lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period (known as 'continuous residence')

Five years' continuous residence means that for 5 years in a row you've been in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for at least 6 months in any 12 month period, with some exceptions.



## Pre-settled status

If you do not have 5 years' continuous residence when you apply, you'll usually get pre-settled status. You must have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020 unless you are applying as the existing close family member of an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen.

You can then apply to change this to settled status once you've got 5 years' continuous residence. You must do this before your pre-settled status expires.

## Indefinite leave to remain

Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) is an immigration status which allows the person who holds it to live and work in the UK for an unlimited time, without any need to apply for a visa extension.

If you apply for 'indefinite leave to remain under the EU Settlement Scheme' you should be able to spend up to 5 years in a row outside the UK without losing your settled status (instead of 2 years with the indefinite leave to enter or remain you have now).

All information on the EU Settlement Scheme, including how to apply can be found on the Gov website:

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

You can also sign up to email alerts at:

<https://gov.smartwebportal.co.uk/homeoffice/public/webform.asp?id=67&id2=627DF7>

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