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I already have a permanent residence card – what do I need to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme?

If you are an EEA national and already hold a permanent residence card, and you would like to remain in the UK after December 2020, you should apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

What are the criteria for applying?

In addition to the general criteria regarding criminal background and no supervening event (see our information note on [*Who can apply under the EU Settlement Scheme?*]), you will have to meet the following criteria:

- You must hold a valid document certifying permanent residence or a permanent residence card; and
- The permanent residence document must be valid – note that the blue permanent residence cards are valid for 10 years from the date of issue only (and must be renewed thereafter). The permanent residence document will no longer be valid if it was revoked on public policy grounds, or if you left the UK for a period exceeding 2 years.

What evidence will I have to provide?

As with any other application under the EU Settlement Scheme, you will have to provide a proof of identity (passport or national identity card).

You will also have to provide the details of your permanent residence document.

If you have lost your permanent residence document, or it is damaged and you are therefore not able to read the details, the Home Office should be able to check their records to confirm if a valid permanent residence document has been issued (but it may request further information, such as approximate date of issue or a copy of a damaged / obscured permanent residence document).

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