



## I already have indefinite leave to enter / remain – what do I need to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme?

If you are an EEA national and already have indefinite leave to enter / remain, and you would like to exchange it for settled status, you can apply 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 indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK. This can be a valid biometric immigration document, a valid stamp or endorsement in a passport (whether the passport has expired or not) or other valid document issued by the Home Office that confirms that the person has indefinite leave to enter or remain. One of such documents is the blue / pink residence permit issued by the Home Office which states ‘indefinite leave to remain; and
- The indefinite leave to enter / remain must be valid – it will no longer be valid if it was revoked on public policy grounds, or if you left the UK for a period exceeding 2 years.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 indefinite leave to enter / remain document. If you have lost your indefinite leave to enter / remain 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 indefinite leave to enter / remain document has been issued (but it may request further information, such as approximate date of issue or a copy of a damaged / obscured indefinite leave to enter / remain document).

If the indefinite leave to enter or remain pre-dates Home Office records, you may be able to apply under the Windrush programme to have your status checked and documented.

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