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Advice on Individual Rights in Europe



What happens after my application under the EU Settlement Scheme is submitted?

After you have submitted your application for settled status, you will receive an email confirmation that the application has been received. This confirmation will set out your application number and include a link to view your application and amend your contact details.

How long will it take to get a decision?

Outcomes of applications are generally quite quick and usually you will get a decision within a few days of applying. If the application is more complex (e.g. lack of complete documentation), it may take a few weeks until a decision is made. The current application processing times can be checked on the following government website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-application-processing-times>.

How will I be informed that my application was successful?

You will receive an email from the Home Office attaching the result of the application. This will either confirm that you have obtained settled status (indefinite leave to remain), or pre-settled status (limited leave to remain) if you have not yet had sufficient length of residence in the UK.

No physical document will be issued to the applicant unless they are a non-EEA national who does not yet have a biometric residence card, or they made a paper application and have no email address.

If you need to prove that you have settled status (e.g. to an employer), you will have to access your application online. The information on how to do that will be included in the decision letter you have received by email. However, the UK government has confirmed that until 1 January 2021 EEA nationals (irrespective of when they arrived in the UK) will be able to prove their rights by showing their passport and ID documents.

What if my application is not successful?

Before making a decision, the Home Office may contact you to correct any errors in the application or to request further evidence.

If your application is refused, you have the following options:

- (A) upload additional evidence to reverse the result;



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- (B) file a new application by 30 June 2021 (or 31 December 2020, in the event of a 'no deal'); or
- (C) apply for administrative review of the decision, using the relevant online application within 28 days from the date of the decision email (a fee of £80 per person will apply and will be refunded if the application for administrative review is successful or invalid).

Please note that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, it will not be possible to appeal the decision to the First Tier Immigration Tribunal, but only to bring judicial review in the courts which is limited to reviewing an error of law.

My application has been refused – can you assist me?

The AIRE Centre provides free legal advice to EEA nationals, their family members and people in the voluntary sector who are assisting them. The AIRE Centre has limited resources and cannot help everyone. Most importantly, we usually cannot respond to urgent requests. If you would like advice from the AIRE Centre, the best way to contact us is by email: info@airecentre.org.

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