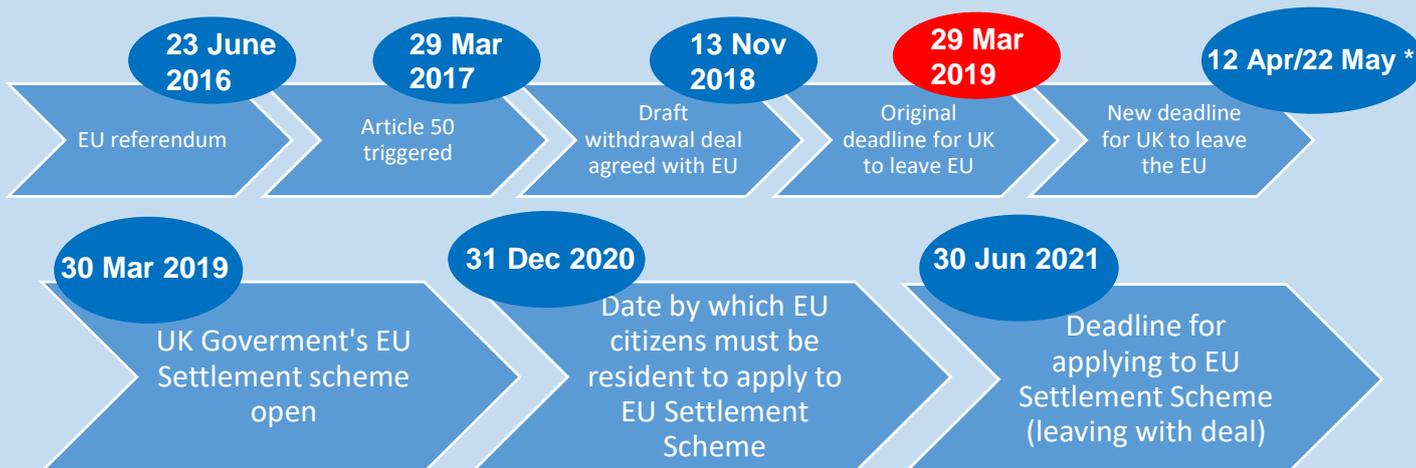




STAY IN SCOTLAND FACTSHEET

The information in this guide is in line with the draft Withdrawal Agreement, and relates to the EU Settlement Scheme which opened in full on 30 March 2019.

Key Dates



*This depends on developments in the UK Parliament and is subject to change.

UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme

EU citizens and their families will have to apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021 in order to continue living, working and studying in the UK after that date. The Scottish Government doesn't believe it's fair that EU citizens are being required to apply to this scheme but because of Brexit this is unfortunately the case.

You do not have to do anything immediately. The EU Settlement Scheme is open until 30 June 2021 and you have until then to apply.

EU citizens who have been in the UK for five continuous years will be able to apply for 'settled status'. EU citizens who have been in the UK less than five years can apply for 'pre-settled status'. After five years continuous residency they can then apply for 'settled status'.

Who is eligible/who should apply?

- EU citizens and their non-EU family members, including those with permanent residence documents
- Citizens of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Switzerland
- Irish citizens do not need to apply, but can if they wish. There are separate arrangements for Irish citizens under the Common Travel Area. Non-Irish family members will need to apply.
- EU citizens with indefinite leave to remain or enter the UK will not need to apply.



How will the EU Settlement Scheme application process work?

The application process is online, accessible via a computer, tablet or mobile phone. Applicants will need to verify their identity and show that they have been resident in the UK. You will also have to declare any criminal history.

Where/how do I apply?

The UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme opened in full on 30 March 2019. To find out more about the EU Settlement Scheme, visit <https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen>

What support will be available?

While we know there is a lot of uncertainty, if you're an EU citizen living in Scotland, be sure of this: whatever happens, we promise to do all we can to help you stay. The Scottish Government is working to produce a package of support to help EU citizens stay in Scotland. The first round of support includes:

- £250,000 of dedicated resource for community based support across Scotland.
- A support and advice service for EU citizens with more complex needs or particular challenges. This is currently being rolled out with more information available at: www.cas.org.uk/brexit
- A toolkit for employers to support their EU staff to Stay in Scotland including posters, factsheets, digital content and guides

The Scottish Government, along with others, has already successfully lobbied the UK Government to scrap the £65 "settled status" fee. We will continue to look at other ways we can support EU citizens around EU exit and will keep our efforts under review.

More information

We would urge all EU citizens looking for more information to visit the Scottish Government's EU Exit website <https://www.mygov.scot/eu-exit/>. There are a number of other sites you can check for more information:

[GOV.UK - 'Continue to live in the UK after it leaves the EU'](#) - a tool that asks for your personal situation and tells you what you need to apply for

[GOV.UK – EU citizens' rights and Settlement Scheme campaign page](#)

[UK Government policy paper on EU citizens' rights if there is no deal](#)

[European Commission – EU citizens' rights and Brexit](#)

[Law Society of Scotland](#) – if you need to find a private solicitor who specialises in immigration

[Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner](#) – find an immigration adviser near you

