

Applying for Settled status



A guide for Pre-Settled status holders

In this guide you will find:

1. How to apply for Settled status as a Pre-Settled status holder
2. Answers to any questions you may have about the process
3. Important information to help you secure your right to stay in the UK

You may find it useful to go through this guide with a confident computer or smartphone user. A family member or friend can help navigate you through the process.

Remember: If you have Pre-Settled status you must apply for Settled status before your status expires. This will protect your rights to continue to live, work, and study in the UK.



I have Pre-Settled status

What you need to do now

If you have Pre-Settled status and want to continue living and working in the UK you will be required to apply for Settled status.

You can apply after living here continuously for 5 years. 5 years begins from the day you started living in the UK continuously, **not the day you were granted Pre-Settled status.**

To apply for Settled status you must apply before your Pre-Settled status expires by making a new application. **It is not automatic, so nothing will happen unless you make a new application.**

My Pre-Settled status expires on*



You can find your expiration date by logging in to your digital status or on the letter you received from the Home Office with your status outcome.

To apply, follow the steps below:

1

Download the **UK: ID** (officially **UK: ID DOCUMENT CHECK**) app and follow the steps on the app. It will ask you to take a photo of yourself, scan and find a chip on your passport.



2

Use the link you received to complete the application online.



3

Insert your National Insurance Number to allow the Home Office to run an automatic check with HM Revenue and Customs.



4

Upload evidence of 5 years of continuous residence in the UK, if needed. That would be for example: Council tax bills, utility bills, bank account statements.



Please remember that the waiting time to receive an outcome varies with every application.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions on the process

Do I need to provide evidence?

If the Home Office is not able to confirm your residence in the UK for a period of 5 years, you will need to upload evidence such as 5 years of:

- bank statements
- council tax
- utility bills

How long before my Pre-Settled status expires do I need to apply?

It is recommended to make an application as soon as you have completed 5 years of continuous residence in the UK.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. You need to apply before your Pre-Settled Status expires.

What are the benefits of applying for Settled status?

- You have the right to work in the UK
- You have the right to use the National Health Service for free.
- You have the right to enrol in education or study in the UK.
- You have the right to access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if you're eligible for them.
- You have the right to travel in and out of the UK.
- You have the right to be out of the UK for 5 years in a row without losing the status.

I don't have a National Insurance Number. What do I do?

You don't need a National Insurance Number to submit an application. If you don't have one or if the result of the automatic check does not confirm your continuous residence in the UK, you need to upload evidence of your residence in the UK.

What is "5 year of continuous residence"?

You must have lived in the UK for a minimum of 6 months out of any 12-month period for at least 5 consecutive years. The UK for these purposes includes the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

What happens after applying?

After you submit your application you will receive a Certificate of Application. This is proof the Home Office has received your application. You can use this to prove you can live, work, access benefits, and study in the UK until a decision on your application has been made.

Can I submit a paper application instead of applying online?

Some applications can be made only using a paper form. You need to be in the UK, as paper forms are only sent to UK postal addresses. You need to contact the Resolution Centre in order to receive an application form.





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