



## What is the Settlement Scheme?

If you are an EU citizen but would like to still work in the UK, you need to apply to the Settlement Scheme. When your application is approved you will get a settled or pre-settled status which will allow you to stay within the UK.

**Settled Status** is granted if you have lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period and means you can stay for as long as you like. You will get a Pre-Settled Status if you have lived in the UK for under 5 years, but this still allows you to stay for a further 5 years before needing to apply again.

## What do I need to do now?

A key date to remember is the 30th of March 2019 as this is when you can officially apply for settlement status. This will be open for two years.

The process to apply is very easy, it's even something you can do on your mobile phone. You'll be required to complete an application form online and will need proof of your:

- Identity – this can be a valid passport or national identity card
- Residence in the UK – this will be a proof of address or your National Insurance Number

Once you have sent off your application you will soon be notified of the status granted and will receive proof of this through an online service.

Applying for the Settlement Status is completely free as the Government has abolished the £65 fee.

## Dedicated Support

We will keep you updated throughout the process. There will be more guidance material to follow in the coming weeks but if you ever have any questions regarding Brexit or the settlement scheme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

At Helping Hands there is a dedicated team to support you, answer your queries and help you with your application. You can email the team any questions and we can call you back when best suits you: [brexit@helpinghands.co.uk](mailto:brexit@helpinghands.co.uk)

