

EU Settlement Scheme

European citizens make up a significant number of the Welsh food and drink workforce, therefore we urge all businesses to support their EU employees in making an application to the EU Settlement Scheme.

If you employ EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, they, and their families, can apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

If their application is successful, they will get either settled status or pre-settled status, depending on the length of time they've been permanently resident in the UK. If they have lived in the UK for 5 years and over they can apply for settled status. If they have lived in the UK for less than 5 years they can apply for pre-settled status.

Welsh Government have partnered with a number of services to enable you to assist your European workforce to access the support they may need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) and help you retain your current workforce.

This [package of support](#) includes digital support with settled status applications or help with basic queries about eligibility from Citizens Advice. Free specialist immigration advice is also available for people with complex needs, delivered by immigration law firm [Newfields Law](#) .

There are many organisations in Wales who are providing advice and support to EU citizens. To co-ordinate the delivery of advice services in Wales, the Welsh Government has developed the EUSS Wales Co-ordination Group. This group brings together Newfields Law and Citizens Advice with other organisations that are delivering their services in Wales.

[**Click here for more information and to access the Welsh Government-backed support.**](#)

Further information about the EUSS can be found on the [Welsh Government](#) and the [UK Government](#).

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens, who are resident in the UK by December 31 2020, have until 30th June 2021 to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme.