



Headlines

Settlement Scheme public pilot

On 21 January 2019 the Settled Status pilot opened publically to EU citizens and their non-EU family members.

The scheme requires applicants to meet the same criteria as the second pilot phase which was open to higher education, health and social care sectors. This includes the requirement to use the '[Identity Document Check app](#)' which is only available on an android device.

Further Government information about the scheme can be found [here](#).

Settled Status fee to be waived

The Prime Minister has announced that those applying for Settled Status once the scheme is rolled out fully by 30 March 2019 will not have to pay a fee.

Those who applied during the pilot phases will be reimbursed by the [Home Office](#) although the process and timelines have not yet been set.

Following this announcement the University is reviewing its Settled Status reimbursement policy and process. If you intend to submit a University claim, please speak with Emma Milton, Immigration Adviser, before proceeding.

Brexit Negotiations

On the 14 February, Parliament voted to reject the idea of the UK leaving the EU without a deal and with the Northern Ireland backstop in its current form. Discussions continue with a second meaningful vote due to take place by 26 February.

Although what happens next remains uncertain, the rights of EU citizens have been guaranteed in the event of a 'no deal'.

Citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway & Switzerland

The UK has reached an agreement with Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland which sees the protection of EEA EFTA nationals in the UK and UK nationals in the EU. This agreement ensures that they can continue to live their lives broadly as they do now.

[EEA EFTA Separation Agreement Explainer.](#)

[Swiss Explainer](#)

UK citizens living in the EU

There are no changes to the rights of UK citizens living in the EU until the planned exit date. The draft Withdrawal Agreement will secure (if approved) the rights of UK nationals living in the EU after 29 March 2019.

UK citizens living in the EU (cont.)

The Home Office has produced guidance for UK nationals affected by the UK's decision to leave the EU.

[UK nationals living in the EU: essential information](#)

[UK nationals in the EU: benefits and pensions in a no deal scenario.](#)

[Home Office tool: what to do and when](#)

The European Network Kent (TENK)

NEW STAFF NETWORK! Newly 'born' at the end of January 2019, TENK is a network run by and for staff/PhD students at the University. This is an exciting time when the network is still being shaped, and there is opportunity to be on its founding Steering Committee.

TENK's declared purpose is "To celebrate European cultural diversity and identity in a supportive network with a voice."

Whether you would like to get involved with the running of the network, just want to be part of the community, or only join for the newsletter and events calendar, you are very welcome! Please email EuropeanNet@kent.ac.uk to sign up or join the network.

Further information can be found [here](#).



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Settled Status

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[Home Office You Tube video](#)

[Assisted Digital Service](#)

[EU Exit: ID Document check app](#)

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[Evidence of UK residence](#)

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[BBC – All you need to know](#)

[Financial Times – Key dates](#)

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