

ASSAD HABIBZUDA

Dear ASSAD HABIBZUDA,

I am pleased to inform you that your application under the EU Settlement Scheme has been successful and that you have been granted **Limited Leave in the United Kingdom** under paragraph EU3 of Appendix EU to the Immigration Rules . This is also referred to as **pre-settled status**.

If you were within the UK on the date of your application, you have been granted Limited Leave to Remain. If you were outside the UK on the date of your application, you have been granted Limited Leave to Enter. This means that you have a secure status under UK law.

You can (as set out in the **important information** below) :

- work in the UK
- use the NHS
- study in the UK
- access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if you are eligible for them
- travel in and out of the UK

Your status takes effect from the date of this letter, which can be found above.

Read the section below entitled **important information** to find out more about viewing your status online, including how to share it with others, and about your status and rights, including your right to work and to access benefits and services.

This letter is your written notification of leave, which you may wish to keep for your personal records, but it is **not proof of your status** and cannot be used to prove your status to others.

Instead, you can view your status online, via the 'view and prove your immigration status' service: www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. This online service provides a secure record of your immigration status which is held digitally by the Home Office and which is available to you at all times.

If you remain in the UK, you will qualify for settled status as soon as you have been continuously resident in the UK for five years and meet the relevant conditions as set out here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-youll-need-to-apply.

You can spend up to two years in a row outside the UK without losing your status (unless you are overseas on Crown Service or as a member of HM Forces, or you are the eligible family member accompanying such a person, in which case there is no limit to how long you can remain outside the UK without losing your status).

However, you will need to maintain your continuous residence in the UK if you want to qualify for settled status – you can find out more about continuous residence here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means.

Your pre-settled status does not expire until 18 February 2026 but you can apply for settled status as soon as you qualify for it.

What this means for you

- You have permission to stay in the UK for five years from the date of this letter.
- You can apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme as soon as you are eligible for it. This is usually when you have completed five years' continuous residence in the UK and could be sooner than the expiry of your pre-settled status depending on how long you have lived continuously in the UK.
- The deadline for applying for settled status is the date by which your pre-settled status expires.
- The application process is the same as you have used for this application. You do not need to upload the same evidence again, just any new evidence that shows you are now eligible for settled status.
- Applications for settled status are free.

More information on the qualifying criteria for the EU Settlement Scheme can be found at: www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme.

If you disagree with our decision

If you believe that you qualify for settled status already you can make another free application under the EU Settlement Scheme: apply-for-eu-settled-status.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Applications are free of charge and you can apply at any time while your pre-settled status remains valid.

Alternatively, you can apply for administrative review if you think the decision maker made an error or did not follow the published guidance, or where you have new information or evidence in support of your application.

You have 28 calendar days from the date on which you receive this decision to apply for administrative review.

Information on how to apply for administrative review, the process and the fees payable are all available online at: www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-apply-for-an-administrative-review.

The administrative review application form is available online at: visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/administrative-review.

You can also appeal this decision to the First Tier Tribunal under the Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

If you are in the UK on the date of this decision you have 14 calendar days after the date this letter is sent to appeal. If you are outside the UK on the date of this decision you have 28 calendar days from the date you receive this letter to appeal. You can appeal on the basis that the decision is not in accordance with the EU Settlement Scheme rules, or that it breaches any rights you have under the Withdrawal Agreement, the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement, or the Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement. You may bring or continue an appeal from inside or outside the UK.

Information and support on how to appeal, the process, and the fees payable are all available online at www.gov.uk/immigration-asylum-tribunal/overview.

You can get help and advice from a solicitor or an immigration adviser. You can also contact Citizens Advice. If you are not getting help from a legal representative you can read the guide on representing yourself.

If you do not appeal now and do apply for an administrative review you will be able to appeal later if your administrative review is unsuccessful. Your administrative review decision will give you further details on how to appeal.

Next steps

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, you can call the EU Settlement Resolution Centre (SRC):

Calling from inside the UK: 0300 123 7379

Calling from outside the UK: +44 203 080 0010

Further details on contacting us can be found on our website: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk/y/inside-the-uk/eu-settlement-scheme-settled-and-pre-settled-status>

Yours sincerely,

UKVI European Casework

On behalf of the Secretary of State

Important information

Your status

Pre-settled status is granted to people who have been in the country for less than five continuous years. This aligns with EU law whereby someone usually receives permanent residence status after five years' continuous residence. Your pre-settled status will expire on 18 February 2026.

If you wish to remain in the UK after this date, you can apply for settled status before that date, as soon as you qualify for it.

This status has been granted to you in accordance with the EU exit separation agreements. For EU citizens, and those applying as the family members of EU citizens or of UK citizens, this is the Withdrawal Agreement. For EEA EFTA citizens, and those applying as the family members of EEA EFTA citizens, this is the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement. For Swiss citizens, and those applying as the family members of Swiss citizens, this is the Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement.

Maintaining your pre-settled status

You can spend up to two years in a row outside the UK without losing your pre-settled status. If you are absent from the UK for more than two consecutive years you will lose your pre-settled status (this is also known as your status having lapsed). This applies unless you are overseas on Crown Service or as a member of HM Forces, or you are the eligible family member accompanying such a person. If you want to return to the UK after you have lost your pre-settled status you will need to make an application to return to the UK under the route that is available to you at that time.

Time outside the UK does not here include time spent in the Islands (the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey or the Isle of Man).

Qualifying for settled status

If you want to go on to qualify for settled status this generally requires five years' continuous residence in the UK with only absence or absences of up to six months in any 12-month period (or one absence of up to 12 months for an important reason) permitted. See 'Applying for settled status' below for information on when and how you can apply for settled status in the UK.

Your pre-settled status gives you the right to stay in the UK under UK immigration law.

Applying for settled status

Your pre-settled status allows you to remain in the UK for five years from the date of this letter. You can apply for settled status as soon as you qualify for it. This generally means demonstrating that you have completed a continuous period of residence in the UK of five years. You must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for pre-settled status which can be found here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

If you are the family member of a frontier worker, then you must also prove they continue to be a frontier worker at the date you apply for settled status. More information about who is considered a frontier worker can be found at: www.gov.uk/frontier-worker-permit.

There are some circumstances in which you may be able to qualify for settled status before building up five years' continuous residence. You can find further information at: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/settled-status-less-than-5-years.

Evidencing your status

This letter is not proof of your status in the UK and cannot be used to prove your status with employers, landlords, or other organisations.

You can view your immigration status online, via the 'view and prove your immigration status' service: www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. This online service provides a secure record of your immigration status which is held digitally by the Home Office and which is available to you at all times.

Employers, landlords or other organisations may need to check your immigration status to see if you are allowed to work, rent property or access services. The online view and prove service can be used to share your immigration status information with third parties.

If you need help accessing your status through the online status service assistance is available through our Settlement Resolution Centre on 0300 123 7379, or +44(0)203 080 0010 if you are outside the UK. Calls made to this number from within the UK may cost up to 10p a minute from landline telephones and between 3p and 40p a minute from mobile telephones depending on your provider.

To access your online status you will need the number of the identity document you used in your application – therefore please make a note of this number for future reference.

You should tell us about any changes to your personal details, such as your name and nationality. You should also tell us if any of the information displayed on your online immigration status profile is incorrect. You can do this online by going to www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. You can also use this service to update your sign in details and passport, identity card or travel document details so that you can continue to access your immigration status information online.

Work and access to benefits and services

As a person with pre-settled status, you may engage in business or an occupation, or be self-employed, as long as you comply with any legal requirements for that activity. You do not need permission from a Government department to take or change employment, but you will still need to prove your rights to work in the UK to employers.

You do not need permission to study.

You are entitled to NHS healthcare if you are ordinarily resident in the UK. In this context, ordinarily resident means living in the UK on a lawful, voluntary and properly settled basis for the time being.

As you have been granted pre-settled status, your eligibility for any UK benefits and services depends on whether you meet the relevant eligibility requirements for the specific benefit or service (including any residence or presence conditions). Pre-settled status does not provide in itself a basis for entitlement to benefits and services under UK law.

Until 30 June 2021 you can demonstrate your eligibility to work and apply for benefits and

services in the UK and your right to rent property in England using your EEA passport or national identity card (the Right to Rent scheme only applies to England, which means you do not need to demonstrate your right to rent if you are renting in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland). There is no requirement to demonstrate your pre-settled status until 1 July 2021. From 1 July 2021, it will be an essential requirement to demonstrate your pre-settled status when applying for benefits and services and to show your eligibility to work in the UK and rent in England when applying for a new job or entering into a tenancy agreement.

Alternatively, should you wish to, you can use the online status service now to evidence your right to work with employers or your eligibility to access benefits and services. You are also able to use the online status service to evidence your right to rent in England to landlords and letting agents.

The online status service is available at: www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status. You will be guided through a step by step process to view your status and then, should you wish to, share it with someone else by generating a 'share code' to give to them. The person you are sharing your status with will also need your date of birth.

More information about how to use the service is available at: www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status.

Entering the UK

When you come back into the UK after travelling abroad, you should join the queue for EEA citizens and present your valid passport or national identity card.

Time outside the UK

Under current UK immigration law, if you are absent from the UK for more than two years in a row, your pre-settled status will lapse. If you leave the UK for more than two consecutive years and your pre-settled status lapses, you will need to make a new application under one of the routes which may be available to you to return to the UK. In the application, you will need to meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules in force at that time. The EU Settlement Scheme may no longer be available to you if you make a further application after your status lapses.

Time outside the UK does not here include time spent in the Islands (the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey or the Isle of Man).

Please note that if you wish to be eligible to apply for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, you will generally need to demonstrate that you have been continuously resident in the UK for at least five years.

Continuity of residence for that purpose is not broken by a temporary absence or absences from the UK of up to six months in any 12-month period; or by a single absence of up to 12 consecutive months for an important reason, such as pregnancy, childbirth, serious illness, study, vocational training or an overseas work posting; or by an absence of any length due to compulsory military service or on Crown Service.

You need to have built up five years' continuous residence in order to be eligible for settled status on that basis. Time spent in the UK before an absence which breaks your

continuity of residence cannot be counted. Further information about the eligibility requirements for settled status can be found here: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

Family members

As a person with pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, your family members may be able to join or remain with you in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme. You can find further information about this at www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility.

Or you may be able to sponsor a family visa for them – you can find further information about this at: www.gov.uk/uk-family-visa.

Removal from the UK

Where a person who is not a British citizen commits a serious criminal offence, consideration will be given to whether they should be permitted to continue living in the UK.

Data protection

The Data Protection Act 2018 governs how we use personal data. For details of how we will use your personal information and who we may share it with, please see our Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship. This also explains your key rights under the Act, how you can access your personal information and how to complain if you have concerns.

Further information

For further information or if you have any queries, our contact details are on our website: www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk/y/inside-the-uk/eu-settlement-scheme-settled-and-pre-settled-status.