

SHEETAL BADRACEN

Dear SHEETAL BADRACEN,

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

If you were within the UK on the date of your application, you have been granted Indefinite Leave to Remain. If you were outside the UK on the date of your application, you have been granted Indefinite Leave to Enter. This means that you have a secure status under UK law and there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the UK.

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

- work in the UK
- use the NHS
- enrol in education or continue studying
- 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.

You can continue to rely on any rights you have as the family member of an EEA or Swiss citizen under EU law whilst those rights remain in force in the UK. Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/right-to-reside.

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 and share details of your status with others using the Home Office online status service 'View and Prove your Settled and Pre-Settled Status': www.gov.uk/view-your-settled-status.

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>.

If you do not currently hold a valid biometric residence card, you should receive your biometric residence card within 10 working days of the date of this letter. More information is included in the **important information** section below.

Yours sincerely,

UKVI European Casework

On behalf of the Secretary of State

Important information

Your status

As you now have settled status there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the UK. Your settled status gives you the right to stay in the UK under UK immigration law. At the same time, you can also continue to rely on any rights you have as an EEA or Swiss citizen or family member of an EEA or Swiss citizen under EU law for as long as it remains in force in the UK: www.gov.uk/right-to-reside.

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.

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/agencies. Your status is recorded electronically by the Home Office and you can view and share details of your status with others using the Home Office online status service 'View and Prove your Settled and Pre-Settled Status': www.gov.uk/view-your-settled-status.

This is an instant online service accessible through a web-browser on a computer, tablet or smart phone. You will be guided through a step by step process to view your online status.

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.

If you renew or replace the identity document you used in your application, or you change your name after making your application, you will need to tell us so that your status is up to date and so that you can continue to access your status.

To maintain access to your online status and keep it up to date, you will also need to tell us if you change your email or mobile phone number.

You can let us know about any changes using this link: www.gov.uk/update-eu-settlement-scheme-details.

Work and access to benefits and services

As a person with 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, just as you do now.

You do not need permission to enrol in education or continue studying.

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.

The status you have been granted entitles you to access benefits and services, provided you meet the relevant eligibility requirements for the specific benefit or fund.

Until 30 June 2021 you can continue to demonstrate your eligibility to work and access benefits and services as you do now using your existing valid biometric residence card, or with the new card you will receive if you do not already have one. There is no requirement to demonstrate your settled status until 1 July 2021.

Alternatively, should you wish to, you can use the online status service to evidence your right to work with employers or your eligibility to access benefits and services. In due course you will also be able to use the online status service to evidence your right to rent to landlords and letting agents.

The online status service is available at: www.gov.uk/view-your-settled-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-your-settled-status.

Entering the UK

There will be no immediate changes when you come back into the UK after travelling abroad. You must continue to present your passport and biometric residence card at the UK border.

You will be able to use a valid passport and a family permit or residence card issued under the EU Settlement Scheme to enter the UK. However, if you are issued with a biometric residence card under the EU Settlement Scheme, that card will not provide you with an exemption from any requirement to obtain a visa to travel to an EU27 Member State.

Time outside the UK

If you leave the UK and return within five years, you can enter the UK and continue to live here as a person with settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. If you leave the UK for more than five consecutive years, your settled status will lapse, and 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 settled status has lapsed. If you are a Swiss citizen or the family member of a Swiss citizen, you can only be absent for four consecutive years before your settled status lapses.

British citizenship

If you would like to find out about becoming a British citizen, you can find information at: www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen. If a child is born to you in the UK while you have settled status, they will be a British citizen automatically at birth. You can find further information about this at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-nationality-policy-guidance.

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.

Residence card

If you do not currently hold a valid biometric residence card, you should receive your biometric residence card within 10 working days of the date of this letter. A leaflet will accompany the card which will give you more information about it.

If you do not receive the card within 15 working days of the date of this letter or you find a mistake on your card, please report this using the service at www.gov.uk/brp.

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: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk/y/inside-the-uk/eu-settlement-scheme-settled-and-pre-settled-status>