



EU/EEA nationals

As part of the taxi and private hire vehicle driver licensing application process, all EU/EEA nationals are now required to demonstrate their right to work in the United Kingdom.

As of 1 January 2021, the UK left the European Union (EU) and, as a result, EU/EEA nationals living in the UK are required to demonstrate they have the relevant right to settle in the UK. The Home Office had an [EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#) that was in place from March 2019, allowing EU/EEA nationals to apply for settled or pre-settled status in the UK. This scheme closed on 30 June 2021.

If you are an EU/EEA national, you will be required to demonstrate your settlement/pre-settlement status in the UK. You can do so by visiting the [GOV.UK](#) website and following the relevant guidance.

We encourage any EU/EEA nationals to follow Home Office guidance if they are yet to submit the relevant application for settlement in the UK, to avoid any changes in their licensing status.

Please note that under the [Common Travel Area](#) arrangement, Irish nationals are exempt from the recent EU/EEA Brexit changes. They remain free to work and live in the UK, and do not need to apply for settled/pre-settled status.

What does this mean for you?

I have already received my settled status

If you have already submitted your EUSS application and received your 'settled' status, you do not need to do anything further.

Pre-Settlement - I have not resided in the UK for more than five years

Under the EUSS, EU/EEA nationals are required to have resided in the UK for 5 or more years to gain settlement in the UK. You will be required to apply again for settlement status once this duration has been met. Please follow the guidance issued by the Home Office. You are permitted to work with pre-settlement status.

I have not yet submitted my EUSS application

We encourage any EU/EEA nationals to follow Home Office guidance if they are yet to submit the relevant application for settlement in the UK, to avoid any changes in their licensing status.



Please note, we do not currently require any additional documents from you at this time. Please follow the relevant guidance issued by the Government to confirm your settled or pre-settled status in the UK

Further information about the changes relating to settlement for EU/EEA nationals is available on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website.