

EU Advice Project

Citizens Advice Wandsworth

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EU Nationals living in Wandsworth

Advice and Assistance to:

Understand the options as the UK prepares to leave the EU;

Find answers to questions about residence and British citizenship;

Get advice if you are affected by the habitual residence and right to reside test. This test means that EU Nationals can sometimes be refused help where they have not been exercising Treaty Rights.

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Reassurance – Nothing has Changed

The rights of EU Nationals to live and work in the UK continue, but the law is set to change. The date the UK is set to leave the EU is 29th March, 2019.

EU Nationals can take action now to formalize their residency status or wait until they will be required to take action when the law is changed.

We can help advise if they are not sure what to do.

Permanent residency or Settled Status ?

Apply for permanent residency today if eligible – optional not required to prove status

Form 85 pages long – requires detailed evidence and documentation in support

You automatically have permanent residence status if you've lived in UK for **5 years** as a qualified person

You can get permanent residence in **less than 5 years** in certain situations, if you have to stop working or you retire early

Issued with a **PR card**, but this will need to be exchanged for settled status once this application is available

Apply for settled status, which all EU Nationals will be required to do as soon as the online application system is available

To be granted settled status need to prove **5 years** continuous and lawful residence in the UK

Provide ID and photograph

Declare any criminal convictions

Pay the fee – cost of UK passport

For those unable to prove settled status, temporary settled status available to allow time to acquire permanent settled status

Examples of the ways in which we have supported EU Nationals to date

Checking with a client that they are eligible to make the application for permanent residence status

Advising on an application for British Citizenship, if a client has obtained a PR card and wishes to make this application

Advising on the rights to British citizenship for children of EU Nationals born in the UK

Advising on a subject access request to the UK Visa Office for clarification on the Worker Registration Scheme and time spent out of the UK

Advising on the right to reside or habitual residence test for EU Nationals who have been refused access to benefits

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