

Settled **Joining Family Members**



If you are the close family member of an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen, or the close family member of their spouse or civil partner, you may be eligible for status under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). If you want to enter and remain in the UK, you need to submit an application from abroad first.

Your close family member, or their spouse or civil partner, can be your “relevant sponsor” if they are already covered by the EUSS. You will be able to apply to join your relevant sponsor in the UK at any time in the future.

Your relevant sponsor must have started living in the UK before 31 December 2020 and have a valid pre-settled or settled status. If your relevant sponsor is the spouse/civil partner of your close family member, their marriage/civil partnership must have existed before 11pm on 31 December 2020.

If your family member is a British citizen, Irish citizen, person from Northern Ireland or a Frontier Worker, please get in touch.

Am I eligible to join my relevant sponsor and how do I apply?

Spouses

The marriage/civil partnership must have existed on 31 December 2020. If you were not in one of these relationships as of 31 December 2020, please check below if you could apply as a “durable partner”. For family members of Swiss citizens only: the marriage/civil partnership must exist before 31 December 2025.

Durable partners

The relationship must have started and been durable by 31 December 2020. The Home Office expects to see two years of cohabitation, or other evidence of the relationship being serious by 31 December 2020; and evidence that the relationship is still existing.

Children and grandchildren under 21

Children and grandchildren under 21 are eligible to apply without proving dependency. They will get the same status as their sponsor.

Dependent children and grandchildren over 21 and dependent parents or grandparents

Applicants will need to show dependency: that without financial or material support from the relevant sponsor they cannot meet their essential living needs. Dependency could be due to health reasons or need of care.



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I'm an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen, what do I need to apply?

- A valid biometric passport or ID card
- Proof of your relationship (see overleaf)
- Proof of dependency, if applicable (see overleaf)
- Download the *Home Office EU EXIT: ID Check* App to a smartphone to scan the biometric ID.



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CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE YOU MUST PROVIDE

Valid ID document

Device with good internet connection

Proof of the relationship

For spouses:

Certificate of marriage dated before 31 December 2020

For civil partners:

Certificate of civil partnership dated before 31 December 2020

For durable partners:

Evidence of cohabitation, joint responsibility of a child, joint finances, bank transfers, joint ownership of a property dated before and after 31 December 2020

For children under 21:*

Birth certificate of the child, adoption certificate

For dependent children over 21:*

Birth certificate of the child

For dependent parents:*

Birth certificate of the sponsor

Proof of the dependency, if applicable

Financial dependency:

Bank or money transfers, payments of rent or mortgage, bills, groceries, petrol, insurance, medicines etc.

Medical dependency:

GP or consultant letters, medical certificates, disability certificates etc.

Evidence of the applicant's circumstances:

University documents, official legal documents, certificates of a family member, employment documents etc.

Provide original documents and certified translations of documents that are not in English



* For children and parents of the sponsor's spouse/civil partner add the marriage/civil partnership certificate

Get in touch

■ EUSS applications in Wales: ApplyEUSSWales@settled.org.uk

■ EUSS multilingual advice line*: 0330 223 5336

■ EUSS advice service: advice@settled.org.uk

■ EUSS Roma advice service: roma.advice@settled.org.uk

■ Multilingual Facebook groups: via  WeAreSettled

■ Want to volunteer? Email volunteer.manager@settled.org.uk

* with Bulgarian, English, Italian, Romanes and Spanish extensions.
If calling from outside the UK, dial +44 330 223 5336.



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