



# Brexit: implications for EEA staff



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# The Vote



*“Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?”*

UK voted to leave on 23 June 2016

UK due to leave by 29 March 2019

# Negotiations

- Officially began on 19 June 2017
- Several rounds of talks have taken place



# Update

- No finalised agreement on post Brexit rules for EEA nationals & family members
- EEA nationals still able to come to UK without restrictions despite Brexit vote
- Uncertainty & mixed messages UKG

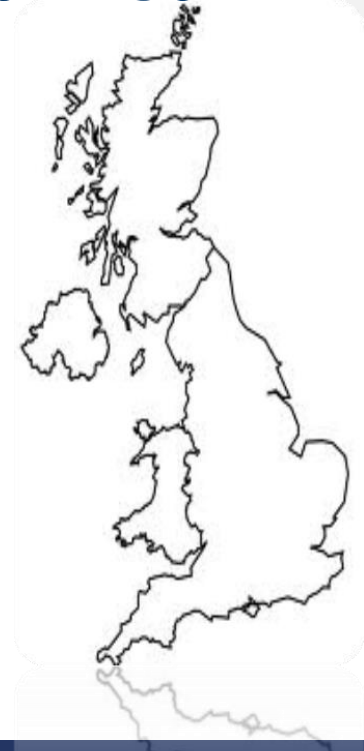
- *"We also expect that our offer will be extended to resident nationals of Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein and Switzerland. As the rights of British and Irish citizens in each other's countries are rooted in the Ireland Act 1949, Irish nationals won't need to apply for the new status." – Government announcement, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

# PM's March 2018 speech

*"We are clear that as we leave the EU, free movement of people will come to an end and we will control the number of people who come to live in our country"*

# EEA nationals in UK

- EEA nationals only have a right to reside in the UK as long as they are a 'qualified person':-
  - Employed (including job seeking)
  - Self-Employed
  - Studying
  - Financially Self-Sufficient



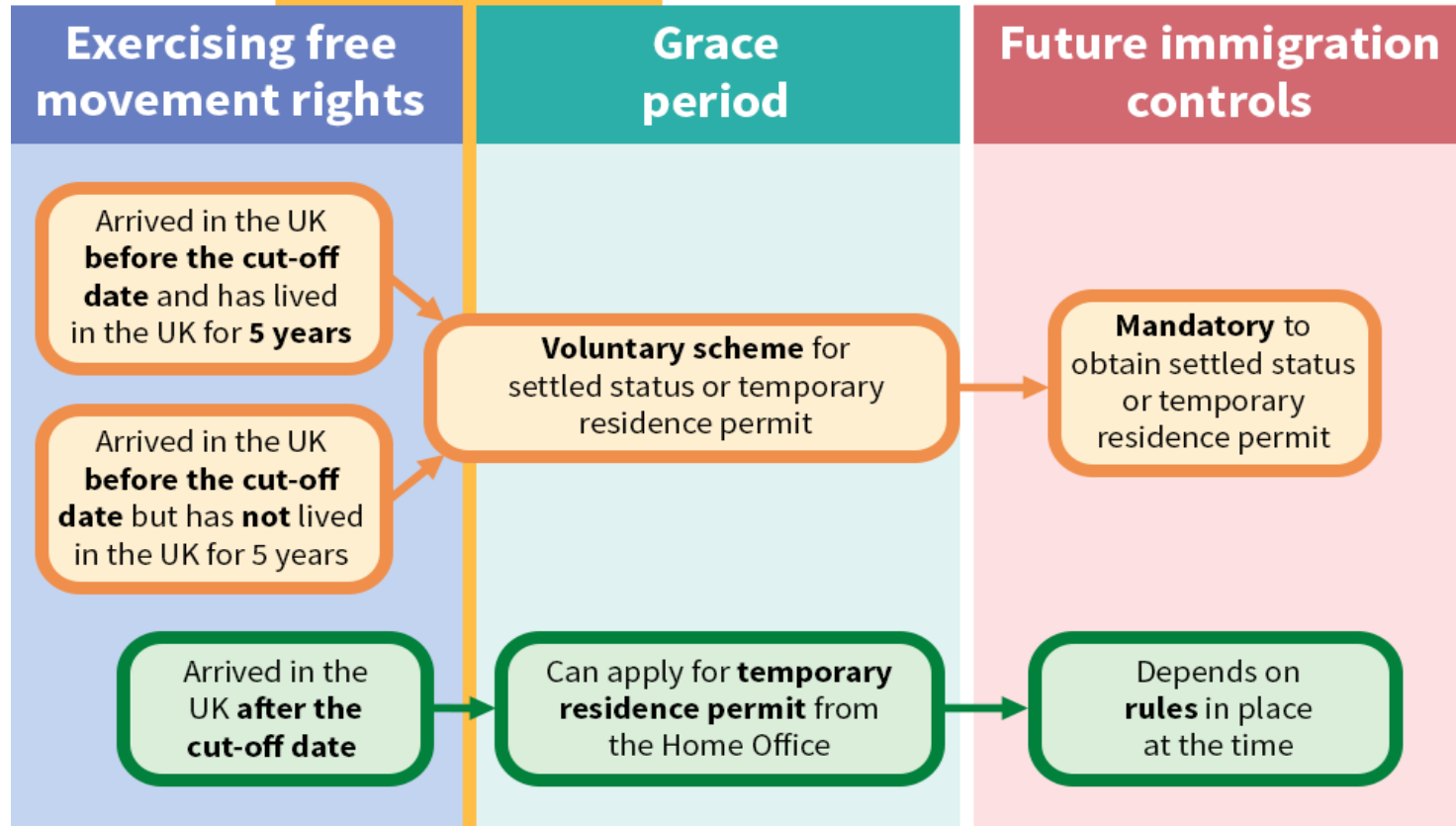


# EEA Nationals in UK

- Comprehensive sickness insurance in place or EHIC issued abroad
- Complications at permanent residence stage
- If exercising free movement rights, you are entitled to do so accompanied by family members (EEA and non-EEA)

# Three Categories position

## UK leaves EU



# Settled Status

By 31 December 2020:

- EU citizens living in the UK continuously for 5 years can apply
- Family members living with or joining EU citizens in UK for 5 years can apply

# Temporary Status

- EU citizens who arrive by 31 December 2020 but have not lived in the UK more than 5 years, can apply for 'temporary status'
- Apply for settled status after 5 year threshold

# After exit

- Close family members will be able to join EU citizens after exit, where the relationship existed on 31 December 2020

# So, Options

1. Do nothing
2. Register now
3. Register later



# Registering Now

Options for registering in the UK:

1. Registration Certificate
2. Permanent Residence
3. British Nationality

# Registration Certificate

- Lived in UK for less than 5 years or
- 5 years, but not eligible for Permanent Residence
- Application can be made online or in paper form
- Cost - £65



# Permanent Residence

- Lived in UK for at least 5 continuous years as a 'qualified person'
- Application – can be made online or paper form
- Cost - £65

# British Nationality

- Obtained a permanent right of residence in the UK for at least 1 year
- 'Good character'
- Life in the UK and Language test
- Absences
- Cost - £1,330

# Nationality Checking Service

- British citizenship applications
- Broader locational scope:
  - Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Hamilton, Rutherglen, Bathgate & Kilmarnock
- Will check applications
- Longstanding service

# European Passport Returns Service

- Online application form
- Book appointment separately
- Only for Registration Certificates & Permanent Residence
- *Edinburgh, Livingston, Hamilton, Rutherglen & Kilmarnock*

# Application Forms

- Residence Card/ Registration Certificate
  - Form EEA (QP) – EEA national
  - Form EEA (FM) – Direct family members
  - Form EEA (EFM) – Extended family members
- Permanent Residence Card (5 years min)
  - Form EEA (PR)
- British citizenship (6 years minimum)
  - Form AN – Adults
  - Form MN1 – Children

# Questions





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