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European Union Settlement Scheme



After-Care Advice for Newcastle Residents

Now you have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme, this leaflet will give you important information on what to do next - please keep it safe.

Your personal details

If you change your telephone number or email address or your passport number changes, you **MUST** update these details or you will not be able to view and prove your status. See inside for more information on how to do this.

Important people to inform

To try and avoid issues when EU Treaty Rights finish at the end of 2020, you should consider informing these agencies of your new status now:

- your landlord (housing);
- Department for Work and Pensions (Universal Credit, PIP, ESA/JSA);
- HMRC (Child Benefit, Tax Credits);
- your local council (Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction);
- your GP.

This could help ensure they are clear about your continuing entitlements.

How to View and Prove Your EUSS Status

1. Go to www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status

2. Click **Start >**


3. Follow the instructions. You will need:

- ID you applied with (passport / ID card / Biometric residence card etc); and
- Your phone number or email address (the one you used to apply to EU Settlement Scheme).



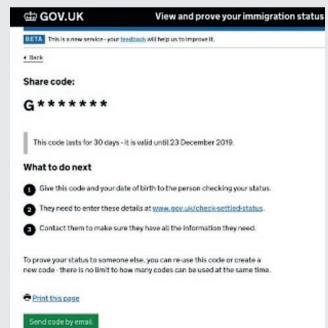
The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website with a 'BETA' banner. The main heading is 'What identity document did you use in your application?'. There are three radio button options: 'Passport', 'National identity card', and 'Biometric residence card (BRC)'. A green 'Continue' button is at the bottom.

4. When you see the page with your photo, scroll to the bottom and click 'prove my status to someone'.



The screenshot shows a profile for 'Gobo Fraggie' with a cartoon character photo. Below the profile is a section titled 'Prove your status' with instructions on how to prove status online. A link 'Prove your status to someone' is circled in blue. Below that, it says 'Until 31 December 2020, you can still show your identity documents to prove your rights in the UK.'

5. Select the reason you need to prove your status (eg: work / benefits / housing etc), and click 'continue'.



The screenshot shows the 'View and prove your immigration status' page. It displays a 'Share code' as 'G*****'. Below the code, it says 'This code lasts for 30 days - it is valid until 23 December 2019.' There are three numbered steps: 1. Give this code and your date of birth to the person checking your status. 2. They need to enter these details at www.gov.uk/check-settled-status. 3. Contact them to make sure they have all the information they need. At the bottom, there are links for 'Print this page' and a green 'Send code by email' button.

6. Scroll down and click 'continue'. It will give you a code. Show this code to your **employer / housing officer / benefits adviser** etc.

Use this website to

- view your settled or pre-settled status
- get a share code to prove your status to others, for example employers
- update your personal details, e.g. your passport number, your telephone number or email address
- check what rights you have in the UK for example the right to work or claim.

After your status is granted

If you have Settled Status, you may be able to apply for British Citizenship. See www.gov.uk/british-citizenship for more details.

If you have Pre-Settled Status, you will need to apply for Settled Status once you have five years' continuous residence. You must do this before your Pre-Settled Status expires. For any new dependents, including children, please seek advice on their status at that time.

Challenging the award of Pre-Settled Status

If you think your status is not correct, please seek legal advice immediately so actions can be taken within the deadline.

Changes affecting your status

Absence from the UK, criminal offences or provision of false information to the Home Office are some of the reasons that may lead to your status being revoked. For more information please seek legal advice.

Any questions?

Local residents can contact any of these local organisations for free, specialist advice and support with EUSS applications:

- **North East Law Centre** – Advice Line open on Fridays 10am to 1pm 0191 230 4777
- **The Children's Society** – 0191 349 9481 or euss@childrenssociety.org.uk
- **Riverside Community Health** – 0191 226 0754 or eussadvice@riversidechp.co.uk
- **Your Homes Newcastle** - 0191 277 1190 or euss@yhn.org.uk

For general advice or information:

- **Citizens' Advice Bureau** www.citizensadvice.org.uk/immigration/
- **UK Government Website** www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus

Life in Newcastle...

We want you to feel happy that Newcastle is your home and recognise it may have been so for years. It is important you feel part of this great city and can access services. Here are some things to help you do this:

- **Register to vote:**

EU citizens can vote in UK local elections. Nationals of Ireland, Malta and Cyprus have the same voting rights as UK nationals. Register today at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

- **Find out more about your neighbourhood:**

Find out who your Councillors are, how to have your say and links to other services:

<https://community.newcastle.gov.uk/my-neighbourhood/my-neighbourhood>

Sources of information and support:

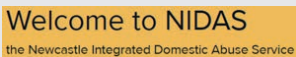


For useful services in Newcastle:
www.informationnow.org.uk



To report or ask for advice on hate crime:
www.stophateuk.org or call **0800 138 1625**.

You can also call the police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency.



For advice and support about domestic violence:
www.newcastleidas.co.uk or call **0191 214 6501**



To find out about landlord and tenant responsibilities in private sector housing:

www.privaterentedservice.co.uk or call **0191 277 1438**



To find out about volunteering opportunities:
www.volunteercentrenewcastle.org.uk