



EU Settled Status Scheme – Important Information

Settled Status (Indefinite Leave to Remain)

If you have settled status, also known as indefinite leave to remain, this means there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. EU/EEA/Swiss citizens who have been granted settled status will have the same access to work, healthcare, pensions and other benefits in the Bailiwick of Guernsey according to the same rules as now.

If you leave the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man, and return within five years, you can enter the Bailiwick of Guernsey and continue to live here.

If you are absent from the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man for more than five consecutive years, your settled status will expire.

If you have a child born in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and you are settled here, that child will be a British Citizen.

Settled status will run alongside any rights you have as an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen under the EU Free Movement Directive, until 31 December 2020.

Pre-Settled status (Limited Leave to Remain)

If you have pre-settled status, also known as limited leave to remain, this means that you can stay in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for a period of five years. This will allow you to remain in the Bailiwick of Guernsey until you are eligible for settled status, generally once you have lived continuously in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for five years. EU /EEA/Swiss citizens who have pre-settled status will have the same access to work, healthcare, pensions and other benefits in the Bailiwick of Guernsey according to the same rules as now.

Pre-settled status will run alongside any existing rights you have as an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen under the EU Free Movement Directive, until 31 December 2020.

Close Family Member

A close family member is a spouse, civil partner, unmarried partner, dependant child, dependant grandchild, dependant parent or dependant grandparent. A family member can come from anywhere in the world and does not need to be from the EU/EEA/Switzerland. British family members do not need to apply.

Continuous Residence

You will need to have been continuously resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man for five consecutive years (less in some circumstances) to be eligible to get settled status straightaway. If you have been continuously resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man for less than five years you will be eligible for pre-settled status which allows you to stay in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, generally until you have reached the five years needed to be eligible for settled status. If your continuous residence has been broken, time spent in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man before the time it was broken cannot be counted.

Continuous residence generally means that -over five consecutive years- you have not been outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey, UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man for more than six months in total, in any 12 month period. There is no restriction on the number of times you can be outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey, provided that the total time outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey is not more than six months, in any 12 month period.

There are some exceptions. You can have a single absence from the Bailiwick of Guernsey for no more than 12 months if it is for an important reason, such as pregnancy, childbirth, serious illness, study, vocational training or an overseas posting for work. Continuous residence is broken if you have been subject to a deportation order, exclusion order or exclusion decision. It can also be broken by periods of imprisonment. Any period outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey on compulsory military service is allowed.