



EUSS Vulnerability Newsletter

Next Workshops



EU Settlement Scheme workshop for looked-after children

Wednesday 20th March 2024
12:00-13:00

Wednesday 22nd May 2024
12:00-13:00

Wednesday 12th June 2024
12:00-13:00

Wednesday 17th July 2024
12:00-13:00

Please email EUSSVT@homeoffice.gov.uk to register interest

British Citizenship workshop for looked after children

April & May 2024. Date TBC.

Please email CVPT@homeoffice.gov.uk to register interest



EUSS Vulnerability Team

Welcome to our 5th newsletter and the first of 2024! The Vulnerability Team continues to support a network of grant funded organisations (GFOs) in supporting vulnerable people to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS).

The team have planned a further 3 workshops in May, June and July to provide information regarding EUSS and to discuss any queries you may have.

Please let the team know if there is anything you would like to be covered in these workshops and anything you would like to see in future newsletters.

You can contact the team on EUSSVT@homeoffice.gov.uk

Citizenship Vulnerable Persons Team

CVPT provide information and advice, principally to local authorities but also to other stakeholders, about the acquisition of British citizenship by vulnerable adults and children. They also lead on safeguarding for all customers who have applied for British citizenship.

CVPT hosted several successful workshops for local authorities in 2023 on the subject of British citizenship for looked-after children and have further refresher workshops planned on the same theme for April and May 2024.

If you wish to express an interest in attending a workshop or have any questions, contact CVPT@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Useful links

Local Authority EUSS Guidance

[EU Settlement Scheme: information for local authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-information-for-local-authorities)

GFO list

[List of organisations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-organisations)

Postcode Checker

[Get help applying to the EU Settlement Scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-applying-to-the-eu-settlement-scheme)



Resolution Centre

If you're inside the UK
Telephone: 0300 123 7379
Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), 8am to 8.30pm
Saturday and Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm
[Find out about call charges](#)

If you're from an organisation helping others to apply

Telephone: 0300 790 0566
Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), 8am to 8.30pm
Saturday and Sunday, 9:30am to 4:30pm
[Find out about call charges](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Proof of identity to apply to EU Settlement Scheme

If you're from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, you need a valid passport or valid national identity card to apply. You also need to provide a digital photo of your face. If you're not from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, you need to provide one of the following:

- a valid passport
- a biometric residence card (BRC) or biometric residence permit (BRP) issued in the UK which has not expired

You also need to provide a digital photo of your face. If you do not already have a biometric residence card within its expiry date, you'll need to provide your fingerprints (but not for children aged 5 and under). If you do not have any of these you may be able to use other evidence in certain situations.

If you need to make an application for a looked after child who does not have the necessary ID documents you can contact the EUSSVT@homeoffice.gov.uk. The team can support you with how best to proceed.



Applying to register a child as a British citizen

Do you know about the Citizenship fee exemption for looked-after children?

An application to register a child as a British Citizen costs £1214.00. However, a looked after child in the care of a local authority or health and social care trust is exempt from the requirement to pay the fee for citizenship.

Evidence of looked-after status should accompany any application, usually a court order or a letter from the local authority or health and social care trust, but no separate application for a fee waiver is required; instead, you would simply tick the box on the application form (or the payment slip where the application is not made online) confirming that the child is in your care.

Further information can be obtained by contacting
CVPT@homeoffice.gov.uk



USEFUL INFO

When to switch from pre-settled to settled status



You can apply to switch to settled status as soon as you are eligible. This is usually after you've lived in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for 5 years in a row (known as 'continuous residence'). The 5 years is counted from the day you started your continuous residence, not the day you were granted pre-settled status.

You may not be eligible for settled status if during the 5 years you spent more than 6 months outside the UK in a 12-month period.

Example

You came to the UK on 2 March 2018 and obtained pre-settled status on 15 January 2020. You will become eligible to apply for settled status on 2 March 2023, after you have lived in the UK for 5 years.

Find out more about continuous residence and if you're eligible for settled status.

Check the guidance if your continuous residence has been affected by COVID-19, which includes information on when you can be absent from the UK for longer than 6 months.

**What would you like to see
in future newsletters?**

Please email your ideas to
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