

## Technical factsheet

### Freedom of movement to live and work in a no-deal Brexit scenario

#### **EU nationals living and working in the UK**

The UK government has stated that in the event of no deal, EU citizens legally living and/or working in the UK by 31 October 2019 would be able to remain. The roll-out of the EU Settlement Scheme ([bit.ly/eu-settled](https://bit.ly/eu-settled)) would continue as planned, and eligible EU nationals in the UK should apply by 31 December 2020.

EU nationals would be able to use their EU passport or national identity card to evidence their right to live in the UK until they have applied for settled or pre-settled status under the scheme.

EU nationals would also continue to be able to claim private overseas pensions and UK government welfare payments.

For those arriving after the deadline, a recent UK government white paper ([bit.ly/gov-imm](https://bit.ly/gov-imm)) states that a new route will be given to highly skilled EU workers who can acquire sponsorship from an employer to work in the UK. A salary threshold of £30,000 has been recommended for these workers, although the government has said that this will be subject to further consultation.

In many cases frontier workers (those who live in an EU state and travel to the UK to work) would be eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme based on the proportion of time spent in the UK. Those not eligible would be able to apply for a separate immigration status to prevent disruption.

## **UK nationals living and working in the EU**

The EU has urged member states to comply with EU law, ensuring that UK nationals legally living or working in an EU state by 31 October 2019 would see no interruption to their right to stay. The member state may need to issue them with a residence permit which documents this right. UK nationals with an EU family member may be able to apply for a 'Residence card of a family member of a Union citizen'.

Otherwise, UK citizens travelling to EU countries to live or work are likely to be treated in the same way as other non-EU third-country citizens and should check member state visa entry requirements.

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