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NATH ESTELLE GBIKPI

Dear NATH ESTELLE GBIKPI,

I am pleased to inform you that your application under the EU Settlement Scheme has been successful and that you have been granted **Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the United Kingdom**, under Appendix EU to the Immigration Rules. This is also referred to as **settled status**. Your status takes effect from the date of this letter, which can be found above.

Your settled status in the UK can be confirmed online through the Home Office online checking service: 'View and Prove your Rights in the UK': view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk. You may use the online service to show your settled status in the UK. ****This letter is not proof of your status.****

Important information about viewing your status online and about your status and rights is included below.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, details on contacting us can be found on our website: <https://eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

UKVI European Casework

On behalf of the Secretary of State

Important information

Your status

As you now have settled status there is no time limit on how long you can stay in the UK. Your settled status gives you the right to stay in the UK under UK immigration law. At the same time, until 31 December 2020, you can also continue to rely on any rights you have as an EU citizen or family member of an EU citizen: <https://www.gov.uk/right-to-reside>.

Online evidence of your status

This letter is not proof of your status in the UK. Your status is linked to the passport or national identity card that was used to apply for the scheme.

In line with existing requirements, you may be required to prove your status in order to demonstrate your right to work, or to access benefits and services, for example to prospective employers and landlords, the National Health Service (NHS), other Government departments and local authorities.

As well as being able to use valid residence documentation or a passport or national identity card to evidence your status until 31 December 2020, you can soon also use the Home Office online checking service to prove your rights. You can view your online status at any time with this service at view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk

The online checking service is available now to show your right to work to an employer by letting them view your status online. In due course, it will also be available to you to show a landlord your right to rent accommodation. Checks are already carried out by employers or landlords when you wish to work or rent in the UK but this online service will allow the checking of your new settled status. This information is protected by Data Protection Legislation and employers and landlords will only be able to check your status if you have given them permission to do so. If you would like to see how this works you can log on to the online service: view-and-prove-your-rights.homeoffice.gov.uk.

To keep your online status up to date, you will need to tell us if you change your passport or national identity card for any reason. As most passports and national identity cards expire every 10 years, you will probably need to inform the Home Office within the next 10 years of the details of your replacement documentation. You can find out more general information about viewing and proving your rights at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-view-and-prove-your-rights-in-the-uk

Work and access to services

You do not need permission from a Government department to take or change employment. You may engage in business or an occupation, or be self-employed, as long as you comply with any legal requirements for that activity. You will still need to prove your rights to work in the UK to employers, just as you do now.

You do not need permission to enrol in education or continue studying.

You are entitled to NHS healthcare if you are ordinarily resident in the UK.

Whether you are entitled to benefits and other public funds depends on whether you meet the relevant eligibility requirements which are set by the issuing Government department, local authority or delivery partner.

At the UK border

There are no changes for when you travel in to the UK.- You must continue to present your passport or national identity card at the UK border.

Time outside the UK

Under current UK immigration law, if you are absent from the UK for a continuous period of more than two years, your settled status will lapse. If you leave the UK and return within two years, you can enter the UK and continue to live here as a person with settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. If you leave the UK for more than two years and your settled status lapses, you will need to make a new application under one of the routes which may be available to you to return to the UK. In the application, you will need to meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules in force at that time.

Parliament will be invited to amend UK immigration law in line with a final agreement with the EU on citizens' rights, so that you can then be absent from the UK for up to five consecutive years before your settled status lapses.

Family members

As a person with settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, your family members may be able to join or remain with you in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme. Or you may be able to sponsor a family visa for them – you can find further information about this at: www.gov.uk/uk-family-visa.

British citizenship

If you would like to find about becoming a British citizen, you can find information at: www.gov.uk/becoming-a-british-citizen.

If a child is born to you in the UK while you have settled status, they will be a British citizen automatically at birth. You can find further information about this at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-nationality-policy-guidance.

Removal from the UK

Where a person who is not a British citizen commits a serious criminal offence, consideration will be given to whether they should be permitted to continue living in the UK.

Further information

The Data Protection Act 2018 governs how we use personal data. For details of how we will use your personal information and who we may share it with please see our Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system at www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-information-use-in-borders-immigration-and-citizenship. This also explains your key rights under the Act, how you can access your personal information and how to complain if you have concerns.

For more information about EU citizens and their family members in the UK, please see: www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/eligibility

For further information or if you have any queries, our contact details are on our website: {get:C