

## Automatic conversions to settled status

### How will automatic conversion work?

If you have pre-settled status (PSS) and your status is coming to its expiry date, you should receive an email from the Home Office saying you might be eligible for your status to be automatically converted to settled status (SS).

You won't need to do anything, and your status will be automatically updated.

The Home Office will check your National Insurance record to see if you have five years of UK residence. The Home Office will use this information to verify your continuous residence in the UK, confirm any criminal conduct and ultimately determine eligibility.

The checks will be similar to the ones conducted during the initial application for PSS.

To be eligible for SS you must not have spent more than six months in any 12-month period outside the UK, although a single longer absence up to 12 months is permitted for an 'important reason' - for example, childbirth, serious illness, study, vocational training, an overseas work posting or because of Covid.

Further information around how absence from the UK may affect your EUSS status can be found [here](#).



## What you need to do

- PSS holders are encouraged to keep their UKVI account details up to date
- Check your emails regularly as the Home Office may contact you
- Update your UKVI account if you get a new passport or national ID card

If you are not selected for automatic upgrade, and your expiry of PSS is approaching, the Home Office will automatically extend your PSS by five years.

It is also strongly advised that PSS holders familiarise themselves with the documents set out by the [Home Office](#), which show your eligibility. All the documents you can and can't use as evidence of residence [can be found here](#).



## Other useful resources



For anyone seeking further advice or information about issues they may be facing, you can find details of various organisations including charities, citizens' rights groups and public bodies that may be able to help you on our [website](#).