

# EU Settlement Scheme: Certificate of Application

## What is a CoA?

A Certificate of Application (CoA) should be issued immediately after making a valid application to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). It is used to evidence a valid EUSS application and provides temporary protection of Withdrawal or EEA EFTA Separation Agreement rights whilst the outcome of an application is being decided.

## Your rights

A CoA can be used to evidence the right to reside, the right to work without restrictions, the right to travel (subject to meeting relevant requirements), and the right to access certain benefits and services, including NHS healthcare (subject to standard eligibility tests).



# Applying to the EUSS

To apply to the EUSS, you will need proof of identity such as a passport or national ID card and proof of residence in the UK before the December 2020 deadline. For joining family members, you will be asked for proof of residence for the family member who was resident in the UK before the deadline. You will also be required to provide evidence of the family relationship you rely on in your application. Details of the evidence of family relationship can be found [here](#).

After submitting a valid application to the EUSS, the Home Office will verify all your information and grant you with pre-settled or settled status (in some cases your application may be refused).

Whilst the Home Office is considering your application, a CoA can be used to evidence rights with employers, landlords, local authorities, and some public services.

Read our [FAQs](#) to find out more information on travelling with a CoA.



If you have experienced any difficulties using a Certificate of Application to access your rights, you can submit a complaint to the IMA.

Find out more on our website  
[\*\*www.ima-citizensrights.org.uk\*\*](http://www.ima-citizensrights.org.uk)