

CoA and Travel: What EU Citizens Need to Know

The Home Office has removed wording that advises individuals with a pending application to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) not to travel. However, when travelling on a pending application, please be aware of the following:

If you are an EEA citizen and made an EUSS application on or before 30 June 2021, you can travel with either your valid passport, or national identity card, and Certificate of Application (CoA), but prepare to be asked for evidence of your continuous residence in the UK before and since 31 December 2020

If you are an EEA citizen and made a valid EUSS application after 30 June 2021 (considered a late application), in addition to either your valid passport or national identity card and CoA, be prepared to be asked for evidence of your continuous residence in the UK before and since 31 December 2020 to gain entry to the UK.

In both scenarios, without this evidence, entry to the UK may be refused.



If you are a non-EU or EEA EFTA national, who was living in the UK by 31 December 2020, in addition to your passport and CoA, prepare to be asked for evidence of your continuous residence in the UK before and since 31 December 2020, and evidence of the family relationship on which you rely in your EUSS application, such as:

- UK-issued Biometric Residence Card (BRC), in-date or expired
- EUSS or EEA family permit, in-date or expired
- other credible evidence of the family relationship

Without this evidence, entry to the UK may be refused.

If you have applied to the EUSS as a Joining Family Member (JFM), you will need your:

- valid passport, or (EU and EEA citizens only) identity card
- CoA
- EUSS family permit based on the same family relationship as the pending EUSS application

Please be aware that joining family members with a pending EUSS application will not receive permission from carriers to travel to the UK if their EUSS Family permit has expired. The Home Office advises joining family members in this situation to wait until their EUSS application is decided, rather than travel abroad, or apply for a new EUSS Family Permit from outside of the UK.

An expired family permit can also be used, but only in certain circumstances:

Can be used	Cannot be used
If you are a non-visa national awaiting a Home Office decision on your EUSS application.	If you are a visa national or if your EUSS application has been refused and you are awaiting the outcome of an administrative review or appeal.



Need help while traveling?

Ask your carrier to contact the [Carrier Support Hub](#).

If you're an EUSS applicant who has faced difficulties travelling, contact us to help us understand the challenges being faced:

- travel@ima-citizensrights.org.uk
- [Your story](#) page
- [Complaints portal](#)

See the latest work we are doing in this area on our [issues log](#).