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Dear non-EEA citizen with pre-settled or settled status,

Settled is a charitable organization dedicated to helping EEA and Swiss citizens and their non-EEA family members living in the UK whose rights were affected by Brexit. We worked hard to ensure as many as possible secured their immigration status before the deadline in June 2021. We now continue to provide information, advice and support to EEA, Swiss and non-EEA citizens, including people who struggle to prove their immigration status.

With this letter, Settled would like to inform you of some **changes that will affect you** and provide tools for self-help in case of issues when travelling back to the UK.

You may already know that the majority of Biometric Residence Cards (BRCs) expired on 31st December 2024. This is because the Home Office is going to use an entirely digital system for non-EEA citizens as well. **The expiry of your BRC will not affect the validity of your pre-settled/settled status.**

You DO NOT need to apply for an e-visa. The only action you need to take is to link a valid passport to your immigration status. Information on e-visas and who needs them, can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa>

The full digitalisation of the Home Office immigration system has been postponed to 2nd June 2025. This means that carriers are allowed to accept expired BRPs or EUSS BRCs as valid evidence of permission to travel until 1st June 2025 included. From 2nd June 2025 onwards, this will no longer be possible: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/millions-have-now-taken-action-to-access-their-evisa>

You need to have a valid passport linked to your immigration status. To link your passport to your immigration status, use this link: <https://www.gov.uk/update-uk-visas-immigration-account-details/update-your-ukvi-account>

It may happen that the carrier or border force will ask you to prove your immigration status. You can do so by accessing your UKVI account: <https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>

When travelling, make sure to take with you:

- A printed copy of your status approval letter;
- Your expired BRC;
- A screenshot of your “view and prove” page;
- A share code generated before departing;
- A copy of this letter to show in case needed.

Please save the links above somewhere on your phone so that you can use them if needed and show their content to the foreign border officers/carriers.

Please note that the Passenger Support Helpline previously offered by the Home Office is no longer available. Unfortunately, there is currently no direct support line for travellers. We recommend checking the official UK government website for the most up-to-date information before travelling.

Please note that this information is accurate as of 20 June 2025.

Best wishes,

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