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EU CITIZENS IN THE UK - WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

The summer has seen a lot of discussion on the rights of citizens from another EU country living in the UK after Brexit Day on 29 March 2019. But there is still a lot of confusion. No member country has left the EU before (although the territory of Greenland left in 1985), EU law does not have much on what happens when a country leaves and a lot of the detail is part of the on-going negotiation process.

In a situation which is constantly evolving, it is important to check out the facts. The relevant documents are the UK government's [EU \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018](#) and the UK government's [EU Settlement Scheme: Statement Of Intent](#) of June 2019.

EU citizens who want to continue to live, work or study in the UK after Brexit Day have a choice of options. They can wait until later this year and register under the new [EU Settlement Scheme](#). See details in our factsheets and previous newsletters [here](#). Alternatively, EU citizens can apply to the Home Office [now](#) for a document confirming their current status. This is a [permanent residence document](#) for EU citizens who have lived in the UK for at least 5 years or a [registration certificate](#) for someone who has lived here less than 5 years.

You can find comprehensive information in this on-line [Here for Good's Guide](#) which provides free post-Brexit immigration advice. The authors' approach is to break things down into a series of 20 simple questions and, wherever possible, to offer short, practical answers from a team of expert lawyers.

NO DEAL SCENARIO?

What happens to EU citizens' rights if the UK leaves the EU on 29 March next year without a deal? Here is some recent guidance from [Free Movement](#) which provides updates, commentary and advice on immigration and asylum law. "... all the talk recently has been about the possibility of "no deal" - a particular worry for EU citizens already in the UK who had expected the protection of the draft Withdrawal Agreement. In a no deal scenario, EU law professor Stijn Smismans writes for campaign group [the3million](#), existing citizens' rights would be preserved by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. After that, we could expect some version of the [settled status registration scheme](#) to be implemented despite the lack of a formal deal with the EU."

I'M VOTING THIS TIME

The UK will not taking part in the May 2019 European Parliament elections but citizens of another EU country living in the UK will be able to vote in their own country's elections. Check out the voting rules for own country [here](#).

Keep up to date at the EU's new [I'm Voting This Time](#) website and don't lose your right to vote and have your views represented by your MEP.

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