

Living Rights Project

Your Rights after Brexit

What does Brexit mean?

'Brexit' refers to the referendum on whether the UK should remain or leave the European Union (EU). The UK public voted on 23rd June 2016 to **leave the EU**

What does the vote to leave the EU mean?

The UK has not left the EU yet. There is a possibility this might not happen
If the UK does leave the EU, some laws will change in the future. This will not happen immediately

Everything will stay the same until new laws are made

What does it mean for EU citizens?

If you're an EU citizen living in the UK, **your rights to live, work or get benefits will not change** unless, and until, the government passes new laws

Changes to the law will be announced before they happen, so you will have time to prepare if you are going to be affected

How can I prepare for an official Brexit?

If you have been continuously resident in the UK for at least 5 years **AND** during that time you have been a 'qualified person' then you can apply for a **certificate certifying permanent residence**. This will recognise your permanent residency and is a step towards getting British citizenship.

EEA nationals should use Form EEA[PR] and family members [direct or extended] Form EEA [PR]. Cost is £65 per person

Extended Family Members [includes unmarried partners]

You can only apply as an extended family member **if you have held valid residence documentation** (registration certificate, residence card, or EEA family permit) **throughout the relevant qualifying period**

If you are currently a 'qualified person' but have been resident for less than 5 years, you can apply for **registration certificate** which shows you have a right to reside,

work and rent property in the UK. This document may also be important to evidence your immigration status if, and when, laws are changed in the future.

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What is a 'qualified person' - QP?

You can be a 'qualified person' QP by being a:

- Worker;
- Self-employed person;
- Job seeker, if registered with the job centre and actively looking for work, for a limited time;
- Self-sufficient person **with** Comprehensive Sickness insurance for all family members
- Student **with** Comprehensive Sickness insurance for all family members
- A direct family member of a 'qualified person' [child, spouse etc.]
- An extended family member, who is financially dependent on a 'qualified person'

The rules are complex and you should get legal advice as to whether you are a qualified person or not

Click Here to read more in the Living Rights [Right to Reside Guide](#)

Where can I seek help?

If you think you have been discriminated against since the referendum, for example if you have been unfairly refused work or housing, or been told that your legal rights have changed, you should contact ISCRE – Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality – who run the following projects

Tackling Discrimination in the East

Call in: 46a St Matthews Street, Ipswich, IP1 3EP

Telephone: 01473 408111

Email: discrimination@iscre.org.uk

Suffolk Law Advice Centre

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Email: lawadvicecentre@iscre.org.uk

Tackling Discrimination in the East



"Our advice and help is free"

"If you have experienced any form of unlawful discrimination we are here to help you"

"Discrimination is when you have been treated worse than someone else simply because of a characteristic like your race or sex"

"We raise awareness and help employers and service providers to prevent it from happening".

"Call us now on; 01473 408111 or email discrimination@iscre.org.uk; to make an appointment to see our legal advisors".

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