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for EU Citizens

If you are an EU Citizen or are the family member of an EU Citizen and are concerned about the future of your residency in the UK, now is the time to apply for a Registration Certificate, Permanent Residence and/or British Citizenship, and thereafter, a British Passport.

EU Citizens

- ***Applying for a Registration Certificate as an EU Citizen***

As an EU Citizen, you may be eligible to apply for a Registration Certificate as a confirmation of your right of residence in the UK. Prior to Brexit, there was no obligation on EU Citizens to acquire a Registration Certificate, however, now EU Citizens are advised to apply for this document as a confirmation of their right of residence in the UK.

In order to obtain a Registration Certificate, you must be a **'Qualified Person'** i.e. an employee, self-employed, student or self-sufficient. If you are a student or self-sufficient you must also have in place comprehensive medical sickness insurance.

- ***Applying for Permanent Residence as an EU Citizen***

You may already be eligible to apply for Permanent Residence directly without needing first of all to apply for a Registration Certificate. To qualify for Permanent Residence you must have been resident in the UK for at least 5 years and during this period have been exercising your treaty rights as a Qualified Person.

- ***Applying to become a British Citizen as an EU Citizen***

You will be eligible to apply for British Citizenship as long as you have obtained a Permanent Residence Card and have been residing in the UK as a Qualified Person for a continuous period of six years. In addition, you will need to satisfy the Knowledge of Language and Life in the UK, and the Good Character requirements.

Family members of EU Citizens

If your family members are third country nationals (i.e. Non EU nationals) then they will also be able to apply to join you or remain with you in the UK provided that you are a Qualified Person.

- ***Applying for an EEA Family Permit as a Non EU Citizen family member***

If your family member is resident outside of the UK they will be able to apply for an entry clearance EEA Family Permit visa, provided that the EU Citizen is exercising their treaty rights as a Qualified Person. Applicants will be granted the entry visa for a period of six months and will be expected to apply for a Residence card from within the UK during this time.

- ***Applying for an EEA Residence Card as a Non EU Citizen family member***

If your family member is in the UK, they will be able to apply for a Residence Card provided that you are an EU Citizen and a Qualified Person. This will give them the right to remain with you in the UK as your family member for a period of five years.

- **Applying for a Permanent Residence Card as a Non EU Citizen family member**

As long as the applicant has been residing in the UK for a continuous period of five years, and throughout this period their EU Citizen family member continues to be exercising their treaty rights as a Qualified Person, the family member will be eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Card.

- **Applying for British Citizenship as a Non EU Citizen family member**

The Non EU national family member will be eligible to apply for British Citizenship once they have obtained a Permanent Residence Card and have been residing in the UK as the family member of an EU Citizen Qualified Person for a continuous period of six years.

- **Applying for the Retained Right of Residence as a Non EU Citizen family member following divorce**

Non EU Citizens will be to apply for a Residence Card or a Permanent Residence Card following their divorce from their EU Citizen's spouse or civil partner as long as they meet the following criteria:

1. The marriage to the EU Citizen lasted for at least three years before the marriage was dissolved.
2. The applicant lived with the EU Citizen in the UK for at least one year during the period of their marriage.
3. The EU Citizen was a Qualified Person from the date of their marriage until the date the marriage was dissolved.
4. The applicant has become a Qualified Person from the date that the marriage was dissolved and continues to be a Qualified Person.

Once these requirements are satisfied, Non EU Citizens will be granted a Residence Card in the UK on the basis of their divorce.

How much does it cost?

Our fee structure for applications is as follows:

Stage		Price (exc VAT and Application fees)
1	Registration Certificate applications	£750
2	Permanent Residence applications	£1,500
3	British Citizenship applications	£1,000
	Combined packed for Stages 2 and 3	£2,000
4	EEA Family Permit applications for Non EU Citizens	£1,500
5	Residence card applications for Non EU Citizens	£1,500
6	Retention applications for Non EU Citizens	£1,500
7	Permanent Residence card applications	£1500
8	British Citizenship applications for	£1,000
	Combined package for Stage 7 and 8	£2,000

*terms and conditions apply

How much are the application fees?

The Home Office charges £65 for Registration Certificates, Residence Cards and Permanent Residence Card applications. There is no fee for an EEA family permit application.

The Home Office charges £1,246 for adult Naturalisation applications and £936 for child application.

(*Disclaimer to be provided)

How we can help

We have assisted a large number of EU citizens and their family members in applying for and successfully obtaining Registration Certificates, Permanent Residence Cards and British Citizenship. Our services include providing applicants with tailored advice on the requirements they will need to meet, advising applicants as to the specified documentation which must be submitted with the application, preparing and completing the applications and representing the applicants before UK Visas and Immigration.

Next steps

If you feel that you meet the eligibility requirements or have any further queries please contact our Immigration specialists directly:



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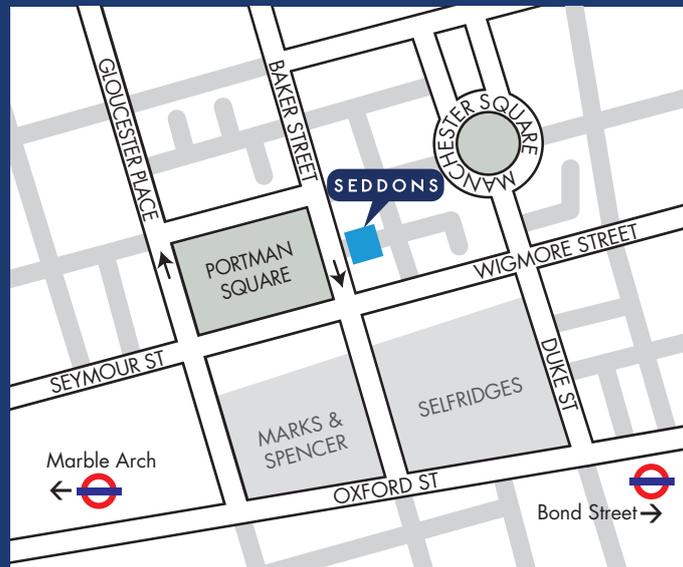
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q How long will my application take?

A Applications for Residence Cards, Permanent Residence Cards and British Citizenship may take up to six months before a decision is reached by the Home Office, however in practice this is usually sooner. EEA family permit applications usually take up to four weeks before a decision is reached by the UK Visa Section.

Applications for a Registration Certificate usually take up to 2 months before the matter is concluded, however, applicants wishing to apply for a Registration Certificate have the option to use the Home Office's premium service centre where a decision is usually reached within 1 day (at an additional premium).

Q I have not been employed or self-employed, will I still be eligible for a document confirming my residence in the UK?

A If you have been a student or self-sufficient, you may still be eligible for a residence document from the Home Office, provided that you are covered by Comprehensive Medical Sickness insurance. If you are applying for Permanent Residence or Naturalisation, you will need to show that you have been covered by Comprehensive Medical Sickness insurance throughout your period of residence in the UK as a student or as a self-sufficient person, or as the family member of a student or a self-sufficient person.

Q Who is classed as a family member of an EEA national?

A An immediate family member can be a husband, wife, civil partner, child under 21 or a grandchild under 21. Other family members such as children over 21, a parent or grandparent can also be classed as a family member provided it can be shown that they are financially dependent on the EU Citizen.

If the EU Citizen is a student, only a husband, wife, civil partner or the dependent child will be classed as a family member.

Q I have been an employee and self-employed during the relevant qualifying period – do I still qualify?

A Yes, you will be able to combine your qualified activity in the UK in order to meet the requirements. So, if you have been residing in the UK as an employee and have been self-employed and self-sufficient for the relevant qualifying period, you may still be eligible to apply for Permanent Residence or Naturalisation.

Q I have obtained a Permanent Residence card. When can I apply for Naturalisation?

A You will be able to apply for British Citizenship as soon as you have obtained the Permanent Residence Card provided that you have been residing in the UK as a Qualified Person for a continuous period of six years.

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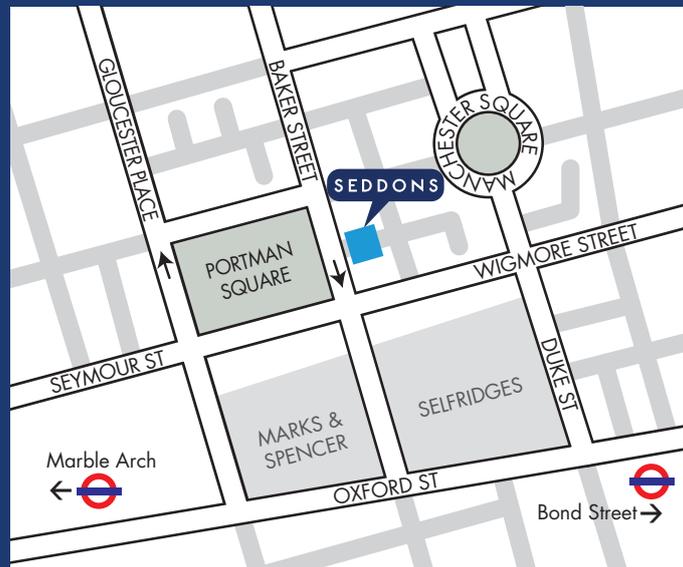
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