

Dear EU citizen,

Last night we hosted our live question and answer session about loss of EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) Status.

We were joined by Mala Savjani, from Wilson Solicitors, and Chris Benn, from Seraphus, to set out the situation and answer questions from attendees.

During the webinar, we discussed the different ways in which the Home Office is removing status. This can be by the Home Office deciding you no longer satisfy the conditions to keep your EUSS status, so they send a 'minded to curtail letter' giving you an opportunity to provide evidence and reasons why it would not be proportionate for you to lose your status, but it can also be by the Home Office simply declaring that the previous grant of status was made 'in error'.

In this instance, if you have pre-settled status, they just say they won't renew it when it comes to expiry (whether that is next week, next month, or next year). If you have settled status, they just say you can't sponsor family members. There is no opportunity at all to make arguments that this is not proportional.

While we know the majority of EU citizens and their family members will be unaffected by this 'grant in error' Home Office policy, for those who are it is a devastating time. We are hearing from people who have been told that their pre-settled status will just be left to expire or that they cannot sponsor their family members. The impact which this is having on their lives is shattering.

Many of those affected have told us that they fear losing their homes, being separated from families, losing their jobs and suffering mental, and physical, health issues caused by the stress of the situation. The stories we are hearing are heartbreaking and should not be happening. That is why we are launching a legal action to challenge the Home Office's practice of allowing people's status and rights to drop off a cliff.

Watch the webinar

Challenging the Home Office

We believe that all of this goes against the rights that EU citizens were guaranteed under the Withdrawal Agreement.

We have spent months trying to change the Home Office's mind through advocacy, through letters together with ILPA, and through making representations at the Specialised Committee. That is why the time has now come for us to take this to the courts.

We cannot launch such a legal challenge alone. As a not-for-profit we rely on funding to carry out our activities. We do not have the unrestricted funds available to cover the full costs of litigation. That is why we need your help. If you are able, please donate to our Crowdjustice campaign.

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Let us know if you have been affected

If you have been affected by a loss of status, either because the Home Office says you are no longer satisfying the conditions to keep your EUSS status, or because they say they previously granted your EUSS status in error, then you can let us know via our brand new Report-it form here. This will help us collate evidence to be used to challenge Home Office policy.

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In solidarity

Monique

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Report your issues



Our reports are entirely informed by you raising your issues with us.

If you or your family and friends experience any issues in applying for EUSS family permits, pre-settled or settled status, or in using a digital status, report it:

Report it

Get help with the EU Settlement Scheme



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