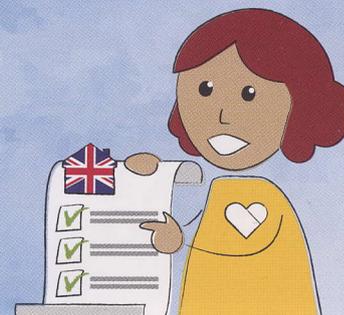




SETTLED STATUS PROVING YOUR RESIDENCE



In some cases it may be difficult to prove five years of continuous residence in the UK.

The government's own electronic records are known to be incomplete and might only cover recent years. It is also possible that, due to life circumstances, some people may not have any electronic records on the government's systems. Either way, it will be useful to **make sure that you keep as much evidence of your time in the UK as possible.**

The Gov has published a full list of evidence the Home Office will accept at: www.settled.org.uk

CHECK LIST

- Make sure that your and your family's **passports or National ID cards are still valid** for a good while after Brexit Day
- If you haven't got a passport or an ID card, or if it is about to expire, make an appointment with your embassy or consulate to **apply for a new document** as soon as possible
- If you have not done so yet, **register with your embassy or consulate**
- If you have not done so yet, register with your Council on the **local electoral register**
- Keep **all council tax and utility bills** – water, gas, electricity, TV licence and mainline and mobile phone, which have your name and address on them
- If your **name is not on any council tax and utility bills**, get it added now if possible
- For women in particular, make sure that the **name on bills, payslips etc. matches the name on your passport or ID**
- Track down old and keep **current rental and tenancy agreements, or mortgage agreements**
- Keep **any payslips, P45s and P60s**
- Keep **bank and building society statements**, preferably annual ones
- Keep old and current **employment contracts**
- Keep any **letters from employers**, confirming the period of your employment; **letters from accredited course/education providers, schools/colleges; letters from a registered care home; letters from a GP**
- Keep **any communication with government departments** (for instance letters from HMRC, DWP, NHS, DVLA, Housing Benefits, etc.)
- Keep **any domestic bills**, for example, for insurance, **veterinary bills** or **home services/repairs**, that have your name on them
- Do not throw away anything else** that could be used to prove that you have lived continuously in the UK for 5 years or more (the longer the better)