

## EU exit and social work in Northern Ireland

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The UK has left the European Union (EU) and while the UK government negotiates with the EU about what our future relationship will look like, we are doing everything we can to prepare for what might happen.

As a social worker or applicant to the social work register, you are a highly valued part of the social work profession even though the UK has left the EU. We know that you may have questions about how Brexit will affect European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss social workers working in Northern Ireland and those who want to join our register in the future. When we talk about EEA social workers, we mean registered social workers or people who might apply to join the register with qualifications from all countries within the EU as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

### **If you are already registered with us**

We want to reassure everyone that EEA and Swiss social workers registered with the Social Care Council will continue to be registered with us. If you are already on our register, you do not need to do anything.

### **If you are applying to join the register**

The Social Care Council is accepting applications from social workers in the EU who wish to be considered for registration with us.

## **Applying for settled status**

If you're an EEA or Swiss national, and if you've not done so already, you and your family may need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. The deadline was 30 June, 2021 . You can still apply if that deadline did not apply to you or you have reasonable grounds for not applying by the deadline.

You can find more information on the [EU Settlement Scheme website](#).

## **Future applications for registration**

Our future registration process is currently under review. We will update this page as soon as we have more information.