



### **Current status of EEA nationals**

Please note that there is still no change to the rights and status of EU nationals in the UK as a result of the European Union referendum. The Home Office state that "when we do leave the EU, we fully expect that the legal status of EU nationals living in the UK... will be properly protected".

More information is available here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-the-status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk>

We understand that the vote has caused concern amongst EU nationals in the UK and we are happy to discuss any concerns that they may have.

Documents addressing issues emerging for EEA nationals in Higher Education Institutes are available on the Universities & Colleges Employers Association website - <http://www.ucea.ac.uk/en/empres/epl/brexit/issuesforeea.cfm>

Were there to be any large-scale changes in the future to European Economic Area national's rights to work and live in the UK, there will be a variety of options available to the university and to the individuals themselves in securing their rights to work and live.

### **Permanent Residency Applications – European Economic Area nationals**

Information for eligibility for applying is available here - <https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/eea-pr>

A permanent residence card is generally for individuals who have been in the UK working or studying continuously for five years or more, and it can be used to prove right to work in the UK and right to live in the UK permanently.

Those who have been in the UK for less than five years can apply for registration certificates.

EEA nationals currently need a residence card to apply for British Citizenship.

Guidance notes on applying is available at - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-document-certifying-permanent-residence-or-permanent-residence-card-form-eea-pr>

You will need:

- Your wage slips and/or bank statements showing receipt of wages, this would also be something payroll can help you with. They can be contacted at [payroll@aber.ac.uk](mailto:payroll@aber.ac.uk)
- A letter from all employers confirming the dates you worked for them, salary/wages, normal hours of work and the reason the employment ended, if relevant.

We can provide staff with a letter of confirmation in line with the requirements in the [EEA permanent residence guide](#) (section 9 page 8).

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Those that were studying whilst in the UK will also need confirmation of their study, information regarding the contacts for those studying at Aberystwyth University is available at <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/agro/students/pg-issues/taught/proof-status/>

We are happy to assist with the application and you are welcome to contact us with any queries that you may have.

**If your application for residency is rejected**

Currently a rejection letter for permanent residency **has no impact upon your right to remain** working and living in the United Kingdom and we encourage any staff who apply to stay in touch with us regarding their application.