

# REGISTERED RESIDENCE RIGHTS

the 3 million

## NOT "SETTLED STATUS" FOR EU CITIZENS IN THE UK

### "Settled Status"

proposed by the UK is not fit for purpose and **should be rejected**:



- 1 Settled status is based on UK Immigration Law and drags EU citizens into the "Hostile Environment":**
  - Settled status does not deal with aggregation of pensions, healthcare or benefits from EU countries
  - Settled status provides no reciprocity with British citizens in Europe
  - EU citizens in the UK would automatically become illegal unless they apply for grant of status
  - Systematic criminality checks are proposed, which is illegal under EU law
  - Consequence of a rejection means an individual can instantly become an illegal immigrant
  - Rejection can also mean loss of employment, driving licence, closure of bank accounts and more
- 2 No guarantee the rules won't change in our lifetime without international treaty and ECJ protection**
- 3 Settled status means existing EU citizens' rights would be retrospectively removed:** rights to bring in close family members post Brexit would be lost or reduced, including for British people living in EU
- 4 Arbitrary powers given to the Home Office in rejecting applications will increase current uncertainty:**
  - Significant risk of unfair or even illegal deportation
  - Anonymous, faceless process to be done centrally/online by the Home Office
  - Proposed loss of data protection rights in combination with a Home Office error is disastrous
  - At the current Home Office 10% error rate, 320,000 individuals could face devastating consequences
- 5 Citizens who already have Permanent Residence will be forced to reapply and get reduced status**

### Registered Residence Rights

proposed by the3million provide necessary, unambiguous protection:



- 1 Based on EU-UK international treaty translated into UK law via a separate citizens rights bill:**
  - To cover both EU citizens in the UK and British citizens in the EU reciprocally
  - The international treaty to have direct effect, protecting against future changes in UK law
  - A single supranational court with judicial oversight to protect both sets of citizens equally
- 2 Full bundle of existing EU citizenship rights, including family reunification, are guaranteed**
- 3 Streamlined, simple registration process:**
  - Citizens obtain certificates confirming their rights in person via local government offices
  - Proof of ID plus simple evidence of 5+ years residence secures UK Permanent Residence (UKPR)
  - Shorter residence secures UK Temporary Residence (UKTR) exchangeable for UKPR after 5 years in UK
  - Existing EEA Permanent Residence / Residence Certificates can be automatically exchanged at no cost
  - As under EU law, UKTR means that an individual should not be an excessive social security burden
  - UKPR gives a lifelong right to return to the UK, even after an absence of over 2 years
  - A failed application means citizen retains all rights while appeal takes place, inside the UK
- 4 Includes a grace period to allow for all EU citizens to be informed/get appointments/make applications:**
  - During the grace period, UKTR / UKPR documents are optional
  - Employers, landlords, banks, NHS cannot discriminate against EU citizens for lack of UKPR / UKTR
  - After the grace period, EU citizens have unambiguous UKPR / UKTR documents for any need

#### For further details

Our full Proposal of Alternative To Settled Status – UK Permanent and Temporary Residence Rights is available at [www.the3million.org.uk/publications](http://www.the3million.org.uk/publications)  
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