

Mr Kevin Foster MP

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Dear Kevin Foster MP,

EU Settlement Scheme Certificates of Application and rights after 30 June 2021

Thank you for confirming, in your [19 April letter to us](#), that those citizens who are awaiting status on 1 July and have a Certificate of Application (CoA) can use that CoA to prove their right to work or rent from 1 July 2021. We look forward to seeing the updated guidance that you refer to.

However, we have two further questions on delays between submitting an application and receiving a CoA.

Whilst indeed for some people this Certificate is issued automatically once an application has been submitted, for many there is a delay. This happens with paper applications, with those who need biometric appointments (which are often subject to lengthy delays in themselves), but also with many who use the 'EU Exit: ID Document Check' iPhone or Android app and are then told that further verification information is required. We have received reports of over two months' delay between submission of further information, and eventual receipt of a Certificate of Application.

Q1. What rights will an individual have after 1 July if they have submitted an application (whether paper or online) but have not yet received a Certificate of Application by 30 June 2021, and how will they prove their rights, if they have any?

Q2. How does *any* delay in issuing a Certificate of Application comply with Article 18(1)(b) of the Withdrawal Agreement, which states '*A certificate of application for the residence status shall be issued immediately*'?

Kind regards,

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