

Dear all,

As the Registrar for UKBA (UKVI), I was very interested to read the appeal of Bishop William Kenney urging European citizens who have made their homes in the UK to make their application as soon as possible or risk losing their fundamental rights to live and work here.

We have many European citizens across the diocese. Please encourage your parishioners through your parish websites and other social media to get their applications in early.

Best wishes

Mgr J Cefai

“Apply for settled status as soon as possible!” Bishop urges European citizens who have made their homes in the UK

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Exactly a year before the government’s deadline for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK to apply for Settled Status, a bishop who has gone through the process is urging people not to delay in making their application.

Bishop William Kenney, auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and himself a Swedish national, says those who are eligible should apply well ahead of 30 June 2021.

The government requires European citizens who have made their homes in the UK to make an application or risk losing their fundamental rights to live and work here. Everyone including children needs to go through the process.

Bishop Kenney warned that while many people have found it straightforward, others have faced unexpected obstacles navigating the government’s system or don’t even realise they’re required to apply. He’s therefore urging people to get their applications in early and encouraging parishioners to look out for others who might need some support.

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