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Changes to settlement – arriving June 2022

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Simplifying settlement





Key changes

Qualifying period – people can combine time on family and private life routes if circumstances change, and can count time on other routes.



English language – people can rely on a range of qualifications in English language or literature to satisfy this requirement.



Making a valid application – specifying application forms, fees, biometrics and documentation. People must also continue to meet the requirements of their current or previous route.



Being a suitable person – people who are non-compliant, have used deception, or serve a custodial sentence for a criminal offence may have to complete a compliant period after the end of their sentence or may not qualify for settlement. Illegal entrants may need to complete a longer qualifying period.



Varying applications - rolling-out permission to stay, where settlement applications fail to the Innovator and Hong Kong BNO routes.





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Opening the new 10-year family settlement route





Key changes

Where a parent is settled, but a child does not qualify for settlement at the same time, the child can be granted permission to stay.



Applicants must meet the continuous residence requirements.



Where a person has permission as a parent of a child under the age of 18, they can still settle even where the child has turned 18.



Dependent children qualify for settlement even where their parent is legitimately accessing public funds.



Where an applicant relies on a relationship as a partner, they must have had permission based on that relationship for at least one year.



Dependent children under the age of 18 must have suitable care and accommodation arrangements in place, which comply with UK laws.





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Bringing the private life concession into the rules





Key changes

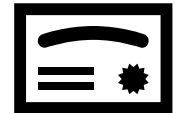
Children who have been in the UK for 7 years may qualify for settlement after 5 years on the private life route.



Young adults who have been in the UK for half of their life may qualify for settlement after 5 years on the private life route.



Children born in the UK who have lived in the UK for 7 years may qualify for settlement immediately.



Continuous residence – people must meet the continuous residence requirements.

