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UK/European Applicant Transfer Scheme (UEATS)



On 05 August 2025 the UK announced a **new legal pathway** called the **UK/European Applicant Transfer Scheme**, aimed at people **currently in France** without legal immigration status. This scheme offers a opportunity to allow a limited number of people to enter the UK, as part of a *pilot* agreement between the UK and France. The government has announced that for every person admitted to the UK under this scheme an equivalent person would be returned to France.



Who is eligible to apply?

You may apply if you meet **ALL** these conditions:

- You are in France right now. (Home office will request to verify your location)
- You are 18 years old or older, or applying with a parent who is 18+.
- You have no legal visa, residency, or permission to stay in France.
- You are not a citizen of any European country.
- You have not been given asylum or refugee status in any other country.
- You are not already in the UK or have not entered the UK illegally before.
- You have a passport or identity document and a recent photo.



Can I apply with my family?

Yes, you can apply as a family group if you are:

- A parent, child, or partner applying together.
- One person applies first and receives a family reference number.
- Others use this number in their own application.
- You must all apply together and list each other in your applications.
- You should have a copy of birth certificate or marriage certificate



How can I apply?

To apply, submit an Expression of Interest form online through this link

<https://www.register-uk-european-applicant-transfer-scheme.homeoffice.gov.uk/start>

- You will need a device with an internet connection; an email address and phone number to be able to apply. You will receive a text message to verify your location.



Who will be Selected?

- Applications will be selected according to the published guidance.
- The key criteria is that you are from a “high-grant” or “high-volume nationality”. This means either:
 - Most asylum claims by people from your country of nationality are succeeding in the UK; or that,
 - A very high number of people from your country have made crossings to the UK.
- After these criteria are applied, applications will then be selected at random.



What happens if my application is accepted?

If the Home Office selects your application:

- You will be **given a UK visa** (entry clearance) for up to **3 months**.
- You will get a travel document to enter the UK.
- **After arriving, you may apply for asylum or another immigration route if eligible.**
- You will need to cover the cost to travel to the Visa Centre in France when you apply



Cancellation of your application

Your application will be rejected or cancelled if:

- You leave France or enter the UK illegally while your application is being processed.
- You already have a visa in France or have been granted asylum elsewhere.
- You don't follow the UK Home Office's instructions (e.g. miss your travel or visa collection date without good reason).
- If one of your family members' applications is refused, all of you will likely be refused together.

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UK/European Applicant Transfer Scheme (UEATS) For Removals



Who will be eligible to be removed from the UK under this new scheme?

Under the new UK-France agreement, you can only be removed from the UK if:

- You have arrived in the UK by small boat from France.
- You have not made an asylum claim in the UK or if your claim is deemed "inadmissible" – meaning the UK decides it won't process your claim because you should have claimed asylum in France or another safe country first.
- You are identified **within 14 days of arrival** in the UK.
- France agrees to take you back under the new treaty's rules.

Important! Only a very small number of people can be detained to be transferred under this scheme.



Will I be detained before removal?

It is possible you could be held in immigration detention before a decision is made about whether you are removed. However, certain people should not be detained because of the negative impacts of detention.

For this reason, you must make sure you mention as early as possible if you are:

- A person under 18
- A victim of torture or exploitation/modern slavery
- Suffering from a mental health condition (e.g. PTSD) or a serious physical illness or disability
- Pregnant
- A victim of sexual/gender based violence;

Important!

Explain this as soon as you can, including in your asylum screening interview (the small interview when you arrive to the UK).



What is the process of the transfer and how long it will take?

- The Home Office will formally request to send the person back to France and send information regarding the person (e.g. your biometrics)
- France will then make Security checks within 14 days-28 days.
- Once France has confirmed, the UK has to make sure there is no other legal barrier to process the transfer.



What are my rights if I am detained in the UK?

- You can apply for "Bail" from the detention centre. The Home Office has to decide this request.
- You can attend "detention advice surgeries" in the detention who offers free legal advice on immigration, asylum, and detention issues.
- You have the right to get a lawyer to assist you to make a bail request and if you also received a "Notice of intent" which is a letter from the Home office to let you know that they decided to remove you from the UK.
- you can look for an immigration adviser from this link <https://portal.immigrationadviceauthority.gov.uk/s/adviser-finder>
- If you are a victim of torture or have any health conditions report that as soon as you possible.



Who can I contact if I am detained?

There are several organisations you can contact if you were detained in immigration centre:

- AVID: 08001386568, free to call from any detention centre
- Humans for Rights Network: 07506663089 (for age disputed children detained)
- Legal Support: Duncan Lewis Solicitors: 033 3772 0409
- JCWI: 0800 160 1004 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am - 12pm)
- Bail for Immigration Detainees: 020 7456 9750 (Monday - Thursday 10 am - 12)
- Detention Action: 0800 587 2096 (for people detained in Harmondsworth and Colnbrook)
- Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group: 08003894367 (for people detained in Brook House and Tinsley House)
- JRS Detention: 07856309908 (Harmondsworth and Colnbrook)
- Beyond Detention Yarl's Wood: 0800 3101 992
- Care4Calais on (07482847775) you can send an SMS with your name and language.
- Solidarity Detainee Support: 07438407570