

Earned settlement

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You can read our latest [MY briefing](#) with details of the 'earned settlement' proposals announced by government last year, covering:

- Who is subject to the changes
- The four principles or 'pillars'
- The standard qualifying period of residence for different groups
- Adjustments that subsequently can make the qualifying period shorter or longer
- Exemptions for vulnerable groups
- New conditions of settlement.

We've also considered the likely impacts on services and communities if these proposals are implemented, and outlined the timing of next steps including the [government consultation](#) running until 12 February 2026.

The briefing builds on the [2-page summary](#) of the asylum and earned settlement announcements we shared in November.

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