

How the automated check calculates the period of residence

If the automated check finds evidence of UK employment or some benefits in a month, it counts as a month of continuous residence. For example, if HMRC records find a monthly pay slip this will evidence one month of continuous residence. If HMRC records find a weekly pay slip, this will also count as a month of continuous residence.

Some records count as evidence of residence for a longer period. For example, an annual self-assessment tax return that contains income from self-employment will count as evidence for that whole tax year, not just the month that the self-assessment return was completed. Find out [how the automated check calculates your UK residence](#).

If the automated check cannot find any evidence of residence for more than 6 months in any 12 month period, this counts as a break in your UK continuous residence. If this happens and you believe you qualify for settled status, we'll tell you immediately during your application which time periods this applies to. You'll then be able to [upload photos or scans of documents to your application](#) to show your UK residence for at least 6 months in that 12 month period. You'll only need to provide evidence for the months we specify.

How the automated check shows your UK residence

When a caseworker looks at your application, they're only shown which months the automated check has found evidence of residence for. They're not shown any information about:

- which employment, pension or benefits types were used
- the amount of income received
- the amount of tax or benefits paid
- your employer

The caseworker will also see whether you have agreed with the result of the check or if you've said you want to provide additional evidence of your UK residence.

The Home Office does not retain the information used in the automated check.

The following examples show how the result of the check is presented to the caseworker. If the check finds a record for a month showing your UK residence, that box is marked with a tick. If no record is found by the check, the box contains a dash. The date that the application was made, the Application Raised Date, is shown as 'ARD'.

