

UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

What is it?

An ETA gives permission to travel to the UK. It does not guarantee entry to the UK. You may still need to speak to a Border Force Officer on arrival.

Who is it for?

It only applies to travelers from countries that do **not** require a visa before they travel (non-visa nationals). Children (and babies) require one.

You do **not** require an ETA if one or more of these apply. You:

- have a visa to enter the UK
- are staying more than 6 months
- have residence permission in the UK including settled or pre-settled status
- are travelling from Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey or the Isle of Man

With an ETA, you cannot:

- visit the UK for more than 6 months
- do paid or unpaid work or be self-employed
- marry or register a civil partnership

When is it required?

You should apply now and use an ETA to travel to the UK if you are from:

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates

If you are from the following regions and are travelling to the UK on or after 08 January 2025, you will need an ETA. You should apply after 27 Nov 2024

- Asia (eg Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong)
- The Americas (eg USA, Brazil, Argentina, Peru)
- The Caribbean
- Australasia
- Israel

If you are from the EU or EEA and are travelling to the UK on or after 02 April 2025 you will need an ETA and should apply after 05 March 2025

How much does it cost?

It costs £10 to apply and the ETA is valid for 2 years (or until the passport expires). It is not refundable if you don't travel.

What is required to apply?

You will need:

- the passport that you will travel with (not a scan or photocopy)
- a form of payment (bank card, Apple Pay, Google Pay)
- access to your email
- to take or upload a photo of the passport
- to take or upload a photo of the person travelling

You do not have to enter travel details or information about where you are staying in the UK

How to apply?

The Government advises people to apply using the UK ETA App which you can download here:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/uk-eta/id6444912481>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.gov.HomeOffice.ho3>

Or you can [apply online](#).

What happens next?

You will get a decision in 3 working days

You will receive confirmation by email

If you get a new passport, you will need to get a new ETA