

# THE ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION

## The Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

From 2 April 2025, travellers from the EU who do not have a visa for the UK will require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

### What is an ETA?

The Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) is a new requirement for travelling to the United Kingdom. EU citizens will require an ETA from 2 April 2025.

### Requirements for the ETA

- A valid passport

### Who needs an ETA?

- If you are staying in the UK for up to 6 months and do not have a Child Student Visa or Student Visa.

### Who does not need an ETA?

- Anyone who holds a British or Irish passport.
- If you have a Child Student or Student Visa.

### When does the ETA become mandatory?

Travellers from the EU will require an ETA from 2 April 2025.

### How do I apply for an ETA?

EU citizens can apply for the ETA from 5 March 2025 via the British ETA app or [online via GOV.UK](#). Each traveller will need their own ETA. Please note that the ETA must be applied for three days before the planned journey.

### How much does an ETA cost?

The ETA costs £16 per person.

### How do I obtain my ETA?

After approval, the applicant receives an e-mail and the ETA is automatically linked to the passport.

### How long is the ETA valid for?

The ETA is valid for two years and entitles the holder to make several trips to the United Kingdom. If the passport linked to the ETA expires prematurely, the ETA also loses its validity.

Further information: [Apply for an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK](#)