



## **Immigration Bulletin – 01/2026**

*The purpose of this immigration bulletin is to provide a monthly snapshot of significant regulatory updates with respect to entry requirements and common errors recorded while performing document verification during our operations. It aims at promoting awareness, minimizing the risk of future operational issues at airports, and reducing fines and costs associated to possible mistakes. For any queries please contact: [centraleoperativasicurezza@ita-airways.com](mailto:centraleoperativasicurezza@ita-airways.com) and [aviationsecurity@ita-airways.com](mailto:aviationsecurity@ita-airways.com)*

### **DESTINATION United Kingdom**

Travel requirements to the UK continue to change.

As you may be aware, most physical documents used by passengers with immigration status to prove their permission to travel have been replaced by **eVisas** - including biometric residence permits (BRPs) and biometric residence cards (BRCs) and increasingly **visa vignettes** are being phased out.

Currently, except British and Irish Citizens (for whom a **“Not Applicable”** response will be returned by the system), everyone, including children, travelling to the UK requires permission before they travel. This means those who were previously eligible to visit the UK **without a Visa** and are not already legally resident in the UK need an **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)**.

In early 2026, the UK will begin sending the **“No Record of Valid Permission to Travel”** message in our DCS Altea and passengers who do not hold any valid permission to travel to the UK should not be boarded.

The **“No Record of Valid Permission to Travel”** response is a check message, which means something needs to be checked or resolved before the passenger can be boarded.

The **“No Record of Valid Permission to Travel”** response go-live dates are:

- **28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Visa nationals**
- **25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Non-visa nationals (ETA enforcement starts)**

Passengers can find more information about applying for an ETA on GOV.UK and download the UK ETA app to apply.

Checks must be always done on all passport/travel documents that are presented to ensure they are genuine and valid and that the passenger is the rightful holder.