

# STATION INSTRUCTION

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## Reason for Issue

The UK Government is introducing an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme for all non-Visa nationals in a phased roll-out. An ETA will eventually be required for all non-Visa nationals including infants and children. Visa nationals will continue to require a Visa to travel to the UK. An ETA is an electronic authorisation and will be available for Ground Crew to view on the customers phone or device.

## What is an ETA?

In November 2023 the UK introduced the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), for Qatari nationals . On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 the scheme is further rolled out and extended to nationals of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE and Jordan. This replaces the current requirement for an Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW) to be held by these nationals.

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## GHM amendments are as follows

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## ETA required nationals who do not hold an ETA

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If an ETA required national does not hold an ETA but does hold an Electronic Visa Waiver travel is allowed but explain to the customer that the next time they travel to the UK they MUST hold an ETA.

If a customer has neither an ETA or an need to put full name of EVW (EVW) they must be denied travel as per normal offload process.

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