



## Topic: Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

Dear All,

The UK Government has announced the dates for the extension of the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme, that was initially launched in November 2023.

- Currently the UK ETA applies to nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. Jordan was removed from the ETA-eligible nationalities list effective 10 September 2024, and special conditions apply to nationals of Jordan travelling to the UK ([Visit the UK if you're a national of Jordan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visit-the-uk-if-you-re-a-national-of-jordan)).
- Effective 08JAN 2025 the UK ETA requirement will apply to nationals of non-European countries, such as Australia, Canada, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, USA and many more – a complete list of countries can be found here: [Check when you can get an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-when-you-can-get-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta). Nationals of these countries can start applying for their ETA from 27NOV 2024, but the ETA becomes compulsory for entering/transiting the UK from 08JAN 2025.
- Effective 02APR 2025, the UK ETA requirement will apply to nationals of European countries, this includes nationals of FINLAND and nationals of all other Schengen and EU countries



(except Ireland). Nationals of these countries can start applying for their ETA from 05MAR 2025, but the ETA becomes compulsory for entering/transiting the UK from 02APR 2025.

**NOTE:** ETA nationals will need an ETA both for entering the UK and when they are transiting via the UK to a third country (applies both to LANDSIDE and AIRSIDE transit).

For example, if as a Finnish national you travel for business or leisure to Washington DC on the route HEL-LHR-IAD, you need to have a valid UK ETA and a valid U.S. ESTA for the passport you are travelling on.

**The following will not need an ETA:**

- Persons travelling on a British or Irish passport
- Persons travelling on a British overseas passport
- Persons, regardless of nationality, who hold valid permission to live, work or study in the UK
- Persons, regardless of nationality, with a valid visa to enter the UK (please note that if a non-visa national holds a valid UK visa, an ETA is not required, the UK visa overrides the need of an ETA)

More information is available at: [Apply for an electronic travel authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta)