



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/visit-the-uk-if-youre-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/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



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(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-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation)