

## ***ETA – when you are travelling to the UK***

### **What does ETA stand for?**

ETA is an electronic travel authorisation, a digital permission to travel to the UK.

### **Who needs to apply for an ETA?**

By April 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa will need an ETA to travel to the UK.

Visitors need to apply for an ETA if they are coming to the UK for up to 6 months for tourism, visiting family and friends, business or short-term study.

### **When will ETA be introduced?**

Eligible Europeans can apply from 5 March 2025 and will need an ETA to travel from 2 April 2025.

### **What does an ETA cost?**

An ETA costs £10 and permits multiple journeys to the UK for stays of up to six months at a time over two years or until the holder's passport expires – whichever is sooner.

### **How to apply?**

The easiest way to apply for an ETA is through the 'UK ETA app'.

### **More information can be found here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

## ***ETIAS – when you are travelling to Germany/ EU***

### **What does ETIAS stand for?**

ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System) is a travel authorization and will soon become mandatory for travellers entering Schengen Area countries.

### **Who needs to apply for an ETIAS?**

ETIAS covers nationals of visa-exempt countries (including the UK) coming to the EU for short-term stays normally for up to 90 days. Travellers with a valid visa do not need an ETIAS travel authorisation.

### **When will ETIAS be introduced?**

ETIAS will start 6 months after the introduction of EES (Entry-Exit System) which will start in 2025 (exact starting date of EES unknown).

(When EES is introduced, all travellers need to create a digital record (valid for 3 years) on their first visit to the Schengen area at the port or airport on arrival. They will be required to submit their fingerprints and have their photo taken).

### **What does an ETIAS cost?**

Applying for the ETIAS travel authorisation costs EUR 7.

### **How to apply?**

The easiest way to apply for an ETIAS is through the 'ETIAS app'.

**More information can be found here:** [ETIAS - European Union](#)