

# Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA)

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An ETA gives you permission to travel to the UK and study on a course up to 6 months. It costs £16 to apply for one through the UK ETA app or the GOV.UK website.

## // Who can get an ETA

Whether you can get an ETA depends on your nationality as shown on your passport.

Nationalities from the following locations (including associated territories) can [apply for an ETA](#) now:

- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- The Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Belize
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Hungary

- Iceland
- Italy
- Israel
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Kuwait
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macao Special Administrative Region
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Monaco
- Nauru
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Norway
- Oman
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Saudi Arabia
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Korea
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia

- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- United Arab Emirates
- United States
- Uruguay
- Vatican City

You can also [apply for an ETA](#) now if you have a passport issued by Taiwan which includes the number of the identification card issued by the competent authority in Taiwan.

## // Before you start

You need:

- the passport you'll travel with - not a photocopy
- access to your emails
- a credit card, debit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay

You'll need to upload or take photos of the:

- passport
- face of the person applying

You do not need to enter your travel details.

## // How long it takes

You'll usually get a decision within 3 working days, but you may get a quicker decision. Occasionally, it may take longer than 3 working days.

## // After you apply

You'll get an email confirming you've got an ETA. Your ETA lasts for 2 years. You can travel to the UK as many times as you want during that time. **If you get a new passport, you'll need to get a new ETA.**

An ETA does not guarantee entry to the UK.

## // What you cannot do with an ETA

You cannot:

- stay in the UK for longer than 6 months
- do paid or unpaid work for a UK company or as a self-employed person, unless you are doing a permitted paid engagement or event or work on the Creative Worker visa concession
- claim public funds (benefits)
- live in the UK through frequent or successive visits
- marry or register a civil partnership, or give notice of marriage or civil partnership

## // Sources

All information contained in this document is accurate according to GOV.UK.

For further details, please visit the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

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