

*To the attention of passengers travelling to the United Kingdom:*

The United Kingdom's immigration system will be "digital by default" by 2025. This means that the physical documents related to immigration status, such as biometric residence permits (BRPs) and biometric residence cards (BRCs), will be replaced with a digital version known as the eVisa (digital immigration status proof).

To ensure a smooth journey, please review the important information below:

As a transitional measure, biometric residence permits (BRPs) and EU Settlement Scheme biometric residence cards (EUSS BRCs) that expire on or after December 31, 2024 can also be accepted as evidence of permission to travel to the UK provisionally until March 31, 2025.

**eVisa:** eVisa is a digital immigration status, managed through an online account. eVisas are already used by more than six million people in the UK. These will be rolled out further in 2024 and 2025 and will provide evidence of an individual's immigration status securely and conveniently, when they come to visit, work, study or live in the UK.

If you hold a UK visa and currently use a physical immigration document attesting to your right to travel, please take action now to access your eVisa by creating a UK Visas and Immigration account. Please click [here](#) to apply.

If you do not need a visa to visit the UK for short stays of up to six months, you will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA).

Please click [here](#) to check your eligibility for an ETA and to apply.

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) applications have opened for eligible non-European nationals, who will need an ETA to travel to the UK as of January 8, 2025.

*ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization):*

Persons who wish to travel to the UK and who do not need a visa will need to obtain an ETA. The ETA, a digital document, will enhance the Government's ability to screen travelers, thus making the UK borders safer.

Please click [here](#) to check if you require an ETA.

*Travel Permit*

To strengthen the UK's borders, persons travelling to the UK (except British and Irish citizens) must be approved for travel prior to entering the UK.

**The type of permission will depend on the individual's circumstances**

NO CHANGE

British & Irish citizens will not need an ETA to travel to the UK.

Their passport will be evidence of permission to travel, if travelling from outside the Common Travel Area.

Visa holders and those already granted permission to enter or remain in the UK will not need an ETA to travel to the UK.

Their entry clearance, biometric residence document, other physical document, or eVisa are proof that they may travel to the UK.



NEW

Individuals who do not need a visa, entry clearance, or other specified immigration status will need an ETA to travel to the UK. The ETA will be their official travel permit.

*Advance Passenger Information will be submitted to the Home Office/Ministry of Internal Affairs by the carrier or ground handler, who in response will confirm whether the traveler has the necessary permission to travel to the UK.*

Eligible European visitors can apply for an ETA from March 5, 2025 and will need an ETA to travel to the UK effective from April 2, 2025 according to the rollout schedule.

With this change, starting in April 2025, visitors who previously did not require a visa to enter the UK will need an ETA.

Please visit the [official website](#) for more information about eligibility and details on individual nationalities and ETAs.