



# UK Electronic Travel Authorization

**WHAT:** The ETA is a permission to travel in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland)

**WHO:** U.S. Citizens must have an ETA to travel to the UK including *US citizens who are traveling into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland*

**WHEN:** Beginning January 8, 2025. **You must apply for an ETA at least ONE WEEK prior to travel.**

## HOW: 1. APPLICATION METHODS

**UK ETA App:** This is the recommended and often faster method. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

**Online Application:** You can also apply through the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk).

## 2. WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

**Valid Passport:** You'll need the passport you intend to travel with, not a photocopy or digital version.

**Email Address:** You'll need access to an email address to receive updates and your ETA.

**Payment Method:** You'll need a valid debit or credit card to pay the application fee (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, JCB, Apple Pay, or Google Pay are accepted).

**Digital Photo:** You will need a digital photo of yourself, and you may need to scan your face in the app.

## 3. PROCESS AND TIME NEEDED:

Use the App or website to: Fill out an application, Pay the £16 fee (about \$21), and Submit.

Most applications are processed within 3 working days. You can check your status online.

Your ETA lasts for 2 years or until your passport expires; whichever comes sooner.