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An ETA gives you permission to travel to the UK.

### **Who can get an ETA**

Whether you can get an ETA depends on:

- the date you travel
- your nationality as shown on your passport

[Check if you can apply for an ETA.](#)

### **Who does not need an ETA**

You do not need an ETA if:

- you have a visa
- you have permission to live, work or study in the UK (including [settled or pre-settled status](#) or [right of abode](#))
- you are [transiting through a UK airport](#) and you will not pass through border control - check with your airline if you are not sure
- you are a British or Irish citizen
- you are travelling with a British overseas territories citizen passport
- you are travelling with a British National (Overseas) passport
- you live in Ireland and you are [travelling from Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey or the Isle of Man](#)
- you are a child travelling on the [France-UK school trip travel information form](#)
- you are [exempt from immigration control](#)

### **Dual citizens**

If you are a [dual citizen](#) with British or Irish citizenship, you do not need an ETA. Prove your permission to travel using a:

- valid British passport

- valid Irish passport
- other valid passport containing a [certificate of entitlement](#)

### **What you can do with an ETA**

You can:

- come to the UK for up to 6 months for tourism, visiting family and friends, business or short-term study
- come to the UK for up to 3 months on the [Creative Worker visa concession](#)
- come to the UK for a [permitted paid engagement](#)
- [transit through a UK airport](#) if you will pass through border control - check with your airline if you are not sure

If you are coming to the UK for another reason, [check if you need a visa](#) instead.

An ETA does not guarantee entry to the UK. You still need to either:

- see a Border Force officer
- use an ePassport gate

**You may want to [apply for a Standard Visitor visa](#) instead if you have a criminal record or you were previously refused entry into 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 - you need to [apply for a Marriage Visitor visa](#)

**How much it costs**

It costs £10 to apply using the UK ETA app or online through GOV.UK. Other websites may charge more.

From 9 April, it will cost £16 to apply for an ETA.

Everyone travelling needs to get an ETA, including babies and children. You can apply for other people.

You cannot get a refund after you apply.