

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA): Important Staff Notice

The People Directorate (Staff Visa Compliance Team) would like to inform all colleagues of the latest guidance regarding the UK's Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme.

From **25 February 2026**, the ETA requirement will be **strictly enforced**. An ETA is a legal travel requirement, and carriers will **not** allow eligible passengers to board without a valid permission to travel. With the exception of British and Irish citizens, **all individuals travelling to the UK must hold a permission to travel**, which will usually be digitally linked to the passport used for the journey. This may take the form of an ETA, an eVisa, acceptable physical evidence, or a recognised exemption.

You are more likely to require an ETA if you hold a passport from Europe, the USA, Australia, Canada, or certain other eligible countries.

You **do not** need an ETA if you:

- hold a British or Irish passport; or
- already have valid permission to live, work, or study in the UK.

Each traveller, including children, must obtain their own ETA. The fee is **£16**, and applications must be submitted through the official UK Government website.

Action Required

If an individual is planning to travel to the UK, the individual must check whether he/she require an ETA or a visa before making travel arrangements.

For further information and to check your requirements, please visit the official UK government guidance:

[Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/visas-and-immigration/apply-now/electronic-travel-authorisation-eta)

Enquiries

If you require any further assistance, please log into Horizon and create a help desk request.