Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) for visitors to the UK

An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) is a new requirement for people who do not need a visa to come to the UK. An ETA gives you permission to travel to the UK, and it is electronically linked to your passport.

Who does this apply to?

The following visitors to the UK will need an ETA:

- Qatar nationals (from 15 November 2023)
- Nationals from Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and UAE (from 22 February 2024)
- All worldwide visitors who do not currently need a visa, including those from Europe (by the end of 2024.) Details and timings will be announced on gov.uk

If you are a British or Irish national, you will not need an ETA.

ETAs will cost £10 and will be required for trips up to six months for tourism, business, studying or to visit family/friends. An ETA is also required for transit, even without UK border control.

How to apply for an ETA?

ETAs cost £10 and are valid for two years, allowing multiple entries to the UK.

Qatari nationals can now apply for an ETA for £10 to travel to the UK from 15 November. Find out more at GOV.UK