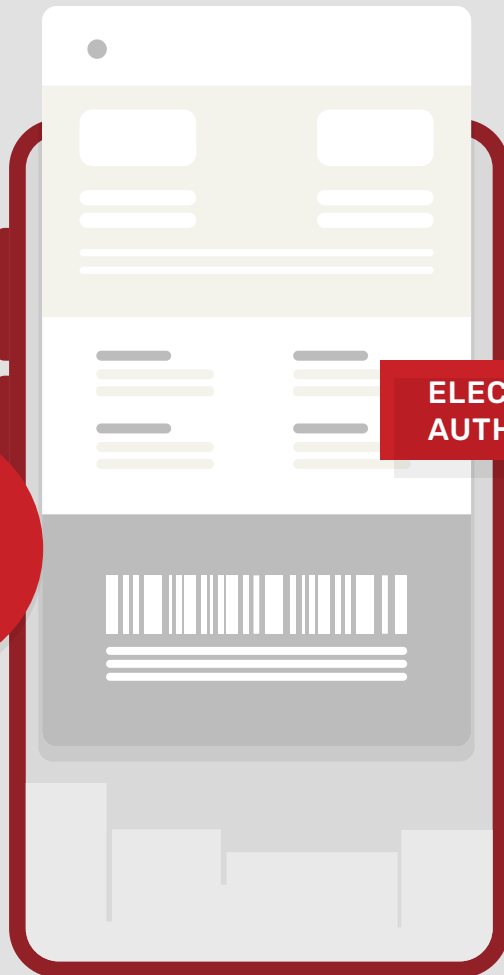




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**ELECTRONIC TRAVEL
AUTHORISATION (ETA)**

NEW | ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION (ETA)

REQUIRED FOR EU NATIONALS TO TRAVEL TO THE UK FROM 2ND APRIL 2025



What is an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) and who needs it?

An ETA is **an advance travel permission** required for specific **non-visa nationals** who are visiting the UK, transiting through, or seeking entry to the UK as a Creative Worker.

This includes all Permitted Activities as per Appendix Permitted Activities which a Visitor is allowed to conduct in the UK, examples of which are: **tourism / leisure** as well as visits for **business reasons**, such as meetings, events, seminars, or other work commitments.

Foreign nationals with leave to enter; leave to remain; or indefinite leave to remain in the UK are not required to obtain an ETA.

When will it be required?

European nationals, including Spaniards, will need an ETA to travel to the UK from **2nd April 2025**. Applications can be made from **5th March 2025**.

Other nationalities may require an ETA before these dates. Please check if this applies to you.

How can I apply?

The UK Home Office recommends using the 'UK ETA' app: [APP STORE](#) | [GOOGLE PLAY](#)

A browser version is also available.

Cost: the application costs £10 per person

What do you need to apply?

- Your original passport
- An email address
- A form of online payment

How do I apply through the app?

- You will need to take a picture of your passport, scan the passport, and provide your biometrics.
- Then, you will answer some questions about your address, job and criminal history.

Getting a decision

You will receive a decision within 3 working days.

Once you have received your ETA, this will be linked to your passport digitally.

Your ETA will last for two years, and it is a multi-travel permission, but you will be required to renew it if your passport expires or any details on it change.

Examples

- A Spanish client is travelling from Madrid for a meeting at your offices in London in May > an ETA will be required.
- A Spanish professional with a work visa in the UK is returning from a holiday in Mallorca > an ETA will not be required due to the work visa.

If you need more advice on this topic, contact our Members, Irwin Mitchell.

MORE INFORMATION HERE!

Please note that an ETA does not replace a visa, and you might need one depending on your nationality.

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