



ESTA

Important information about the ESTA

All travellers headed to the United States of America are required to apply for a visa or ESTA in advance. The only persons that can enter the USA without a visa or ESTA are those that carry an American passport, and travellers entering by land.

Mandatory	Yes
Suited for	Tourism, business trips, transfers
Validity	2 years, for multiple trips
Length of stay	Maximum 90 days per visit
Normal delivery time	Within 72 hours
Urgent delivery	Average one hour
Cost	£29.95 per person
Payment methods	Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal

Applying for an ESTA can be easily done online with the digital application form. Open the form by pressing the button below or navigate to <https://e-visa.co.uk/usa>

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More information and the requirements of the ESTA can be found on the following pages.

For whom

All travellers with British or Irish nationality must possess a valid ESTA or visa before they check in for a flight to the USA. As applying for an ESTA is many times easier and cheaper than applying for a US visa, most travellers choose for the ESTA. However, the requirements mentioned in this document have to be met.

Requirements

You must meet the following requirements to make use of the ESTA:

- You possess a passport that was issued by a country which falls under the Visa Waiver Program. This includes the United Kingdom and Ireland
- You are travelling with the same passport that was used to fill out the ESTA form
- You do not have the nationality of Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Somalia or Libya; not now, not in the past and not as dual nationality
- From 2011 onward, you have not been to Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Somalia or Libya, and your passport has not been stamped by any of these countries
- You do not have physical or mental afflictions which can pose a threat to your direct environment
- You have never broken a law pertaining to possession, distribution or usage of drugs
- You do not suffer from a serious, contagious illness
- You have not been arrested or convicted of a crime which led to serious damage or injury
- You have never broken immigration laws anywhere in the world

Validity

The ESTA is only valid if it is used for the travel purposes mentioned below, and during the validity term of both the ESTA and the passport with which it was applied for.

Travel purpose

The ESTA is only valid if it is used for a business or tourist trip, or to transfer at a United States airport. Visiting family and friends falls under tourist trips and can therefore be done with an ESTA.

Validity

The ESTA is valid for two years from the moment it is issued. During these two years, the ESTA can be used for an unlimited number of trips to the United States of America. However, each

stay can only last a maximum of 90 days. A “stay” refers to the amount of time you spend in the United States, including any consecutive trips to Canada, Mexico and/or the Caribbean islands.

Passport validity

The ESTA is linked to the passport with which it was applied for. This makes it so the validity of the ESTA instantly expires if the passport expires. Did you apply for a new passport? Then you also need to apply for a new ESTA.

How to apply

Applying for an ESTA can be easily done online by navigating to e-visa.co.uk/usa and clicking on “Apply now”. Next, the ESTA application form can be filled in, which takes about five minutes per traveller. It is also possible to apply for an ESTA for someone else or for a group of travellers at once. After the ESTA form has been filled in, the payment can be made (this can be done with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or PayPal).

Right after the payment has been made, the application is processed. After issuing, an e-mail and text message is sent to the applicant. This e-mail contains a link to the status page, where you can verify if the ESTA visa has been issued. Here, you can also download and print a confirmation of the travel authorisation. Printing an ESTA is not necessary.

Urgent application

The ESTA application is approved within 72 hours of submitting it. Are you due to fly to the USA before that? Then it is wise to submit an urgent application. This can be done by checking the option “urgent delivery” in the application form. A surcharge of £17.50 applies to this. With urgent applications, the ESTA is on average granted within one hour.

Questions?

Do you still have questions about the ESTA after reading the information in this brochure? Check the frequently asked questions at <https://e-visa.co.uk/usa/frequently-asked-questions> or contact e-Visa.co.uk.