Passenger Systems Program Office U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) Application

Reference Guide for Public Users



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

January 31, 2011

ESTA Welcome Page

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To Apply



Welcome to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization Web Site.

International travelers who are seeking to travel to the United States under the Vsa Waiver Program (VWP) are now subject to enhanced security requirements and will be required to pay an administrative fee. All eligible travelers who wish to travel to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program must apply for authorization and then pay the fee using the following process:



Please refer to the Help link at the top of each Web page if you have questions.

Before you begin this application, make sure that you have a valid passport and credit card available. This application will only accept the following credit cards: MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover (JCB, Diners Club).

Please provide all responses in English. Mandatory fields are indicated by a red asterisk *.



To Check Status and/or Pay

Must Provide: Application #, Date of Birth, & Passport #

Link To Retrieve Application

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For inquiries or questions regarding this application, please click here.

Steps to Complete Application



Disclaimer

The Electronic System for Travel Authorization performs checks against law enforcement databases. All travelers seeking admission to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program are required to obtain an electronic travel authorization using this system prior to being granted boarding.

If your electronic travel authorization application is approved, it establishes that you are eligible to travel, but does not establish that you are admissible to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program. Upon arrival to the United States, you will be inspected by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer at a port of entry who may determine that you are inadmissible under the Visa Waiver Program or for any reason under United States law.

A determination that you are not eligible for electronic travel authorization does not preclude you from applying for a visa to travel to the United States.

All information provided by you, or on your behalf by a designated third party, must be true and correct. An electronic travel authorization may be revoked at any time and for any reason, such as new information influencing eligibility. You may be subject to administrative or criminal penalties if you knowingly and willfully make a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an electronic travel authorization application submitted by you or on your behalf.

WARNING: If upon application for admission to the United States at a port of entry you are admitted under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) by a US Customs and Border Protection Officer, you may not accept unauthorized employment; or attend school; or represent the foreign information media during your visit under the program. You may not apply for: 1) a change of nonimmigrant status, 2) an extension of stay, or 3) adjustment of status to temporary or permanent resident, unless eligible under section 245(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Violation of these terms will subject you to REMOVAL.

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The Travel Promotion Act of 2009

On March 4, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Travel Promotion Act (TPA) of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-145. The Act directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a fee for the use of the ESTA system, comprised of \$10.00 for each VWP applicant receiving authorization to travel to the United States and \$4.00 for the processing of the ESTA application. Applicants who are denied authorization to travel to the U.S. under the VWP will only be charged \$4.00. The fee may only be paid by credit card. Applicants may save the application data and return to the application at a later date to enter the payment information. However, the application will not be submitted for processing until all payment information is completed.

WARNING: The administrative fee will be collected by credit card. It is crucial that all applicants enter their ESTA and credit card information accurately. If information is entered incorrectly, the applicant may be charged additional fees to reapply. Updates to an application will not accrue additional fees. Applicants who do not complete the payment process will not receive authorization to travel to the United States and will not be allowed to board any aircraft or vessel destined for the United States. If an applicant stops payment of the fee, his or her authorization to travel to the United States will be revoked. CBP is not responsible for additional fees that may be charged by the applicant's credit card company for the transaction. By pressing the "Apply" button in the application process, applicants agree not to dispute any administrative fee charged by CBP for the use of the ESTA system, and further acknowledge that there are no refunds.

Please indicate you have read and understand the information provided above:

Yes, I have read and understand the information and agree to these terms.
 No, I need additional clarification or I decline to provide acknowledgement.

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Application



The following information is required of every nonimmigrant visitor not in possession of a visitor's visa who is a national of one of the countries listed in <u>8 CFR 217.2</u>. Please enter all information requested. Each member of your traveling party must complete a separate application.

Please provide all responses in English. Mandatory fields are indicated by a red asterisk *.

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Waiver of Rights: I have read and understand that I hereby waive for the duration of my travel authorization obtained via ESTA any rights to review or appeal of a U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Officer's determination as to my admissibility, or to contest, other than on the basis of an application for asylum, any removal action arising from an application for admission under the Visa Waiver Program.

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Certification: I, the applicant, hereby certify that I have read, or have had read to me, all the questions and statements on this application and understand all the questions and statements on this application. The answers and information furnished in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

For third-particle submitting the application on behalf of the applicant, I hereby certify that I have read to the individual whose name appears on this application (applicant) all the questions and statements on this application. I further certify that the applicant certifies that he or she has read, or has had read to him or her, all the questions and statements on this application, understands all the questions and astatements on this application, and varies any inglists to review or appeal of a U.S. Customs and Boider Protection Officien's determination as to his or her admissibility, or to application for admission under the Visis Waveer Program. The answers and information lumished in this application are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belef.

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Proposed "Country of Birth" Data Element

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Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4 Step 5 Submit Your Application Record Your Application Number View Your Application Status Complete Your Application Make Payment Please review all information for accuracy before submitting your application. If something is inaccurate, select the **Previous** button and edit the application with the correct information.

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Do any of the following apply to you? (Answer Yes or No)

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A) Do you have a communicable disease; physical or mental disorder; or are you a drug abuser or addict?

B) Have you ever been arrested or convicted for an offense or crime involving moral iurpitude or a violation related to a controlled substance; or have been arrested or convicted for two or more offenses for which the aggregate sentence to confinement was five years or more; or have been a controlled substance trafficker; or are you seeking entry to engage in criminal

C) Have you ever been or are you now involved in espionage or sabotage; o in terrorist activities; or genocide; or between 1933 and 1945 were you involved, in any way, in persecutions associated with Nazi Germany or its allee?

D) Are you seeking to work in the U.S.; or have you ever been excluded and deported; or been previously removed from the United States or procured or attempted to procure a visa or entry into the U.S. by fraud or misrepresentation?

E) Have you ever detained, retained or withheld custody of a child from a U.S. citizen granted custody of the child?

F) Have you ever been denied a U.S. visa or entry into the U.S. or had a U.S. visa canceled?

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Applicant Information

Record Application Number



Please record your Application Number. Your Application Number will be required if you need to check the status of a completed application at another time.

Your application is not complete and will not be processed by CBP until the processing fee has been paid. You must complete payment within 7 days.

If you are not prepared to pay the fee at this time, you may save your application and return to it at a later date to complete the payment. Please record the application number in order to return to your application and pay the administrative fee.

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For inquiries or questions regarding this application, please click here.

Application Status: Payment Required



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Application Number

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Passport Issuance Date	Passport Expiration Date
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City Where You are Boarding	Carrier Information
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Do any of the following apply to you? (Answer Yes or No)

A) Do you have a communicable disease; physical or mental disorder; or are you a drug abuser or addict?	No
B) Have you ever been arrested or convicted for an offense or crime involving moral turpitude or a violation related to a controlled substance; or have been arrested or convicted for two or more offenses for which the aggregate sentence to confinement was five years or more; or have been a controlled substance trafficker; or are you seeking entry to engage in criminal or immoral activities?	No
C)Have you ever been or are you now involved in espionage or sabotage; or in terrorist activities; or genocide; or between 1933 and 1945 were you involved, in any way, in persecutions associated with Nazi Germany or its allies?	No
D)Are you seeking to work in the U.S.; or have you ever been excluded and deported; or been previously removed from the United States or procured or attempted to procure a visa or entry into the U.S. by fraud or misrepresentation?	No
E) Have you ever detained, retained or withheld custody of a child from a U.S. citizen granted custody of the child?	No
F)Have you ever been denied a U.S. visa or entry into the U.S. or had a U.S. visa canceled?	No
G)Have you ever asserted immunity from prosecution?	No

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Online Help for ESTA Payment

Is there a fee for a travel authorization?

Yes, there is a fee associated with the Travel Promotion Act of 2010. The fee is comprised of two parts:

- Processing Fee. All applicants requesting an electronic travel authorization are charged for the processing of the application.
- Authorization Fee. If your application is approved and you receive authorization to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program, an
 additional \$10.00 will be charged to your credit card. If your electronic travel authorization is denied, you are only charged for the processing of
 your application.

CBP is not responsible for any additional fees that may be charged by your credit card company for the transaction.

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How do I pay for my travel authorization?

All payments for electronic travel authorization applications must be made by credit card. The ESTA system currently accepts only the following credit cards: MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover. Your application will not be submitted for processing until all payment information is received.

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Is the credit card information I use for payment secure?

Yes. The ESTA system does not retain your credit card information after the transaction is processed.

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	State/Province		
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NOTE: These symbols are not allowed and will return an error message for an invalid address. $! @ # \$ \% ^ \& * () _ + = {} [] : ; <> ? / ~ 12$

Payment in Process Screen

CBP Online Payment

	Please enter your credit card information below. The * Mandatory Fields	en click the Submit Payme	nt button to complete the pro
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Your payment is being processed.

It could take a few minutes. Please wait.

Note: Please avoid using your browser's Back Button - this may lead to incomplete data being transmitted and pages being loaded incorrectly.

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Application Status: Authorization Approved



Application Status



NOTE: Expiration date shown is expiration date of ESTA application and NOT of applicant's passport.

Payment has been made and application has been Approved. Payment receipt is included.

To Update, Pay, or Check Status of an Existing Application

- When application number is known (Slide # 15)
- When application number is not known (Slide # 16)

At Welcome Page, to perform the following functions:

- **1. See current ESTA status**
- 2. Return to pay for ESTA application
- 3. Update existing application

Apply for an Authorization to Travel to the United States	Update or Check the Status of a Previously Submitted Authorization to Travel to the United States	
 Select this option if: You are a citizen or eligible national of a Visa Waiver Program country. You are currently not in possession of a visitor's visa. You travel is for 90 days or less. You plan to travel to the United States for business or pleasure. 	Select this option if: What information and you want to perform one of the supplication for an electronic travel authorization and you want to perform one of the following: • Determine the status of your travel authorization application. • Update your travel authorization application. • Update your travel authorization application. • Update your travel authorization application. • You saved your application information and want to return to it to pay the fee. Please provide the following information about your application. Application Number * ? Month * ? * * * * * Passport Number * ? If you are electing your Application Number, please click here.	
Apply	Update or Check Status	

When applicant knows their application number they enter Application #, Date of Birth, & Passport Number.

NOTE: The data in these fields must be an exact match to ESTA application on file. U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Electronic System for

Travel Authorization

Update or Check the Status of a Previously Submitted Authorization to Travel to the United States

Select this option if:

<u>What information</u> can I update?	 You previously submitted an application for an electronic travel authorization and you want to perform one of the following:
	 Determine the status of your travel authorization application.
	 Update your travel authorization application.
	 You saved your application information and want to return to it to pay the fee.
Please provide th your application: Application Num	e following information about nber * 😨
Birth Date	
Day * 😮	- •
Month * 😮	- •
Year * 😮	- •
Passport Numb	er * 😧
If you are miss please click her	ing your Application Number, e.
Up	odate or Check Status

When applicant doesn't know their application number they select this link which directs them to 'Retrieve Your Application Number' page shown here.

Retrieve Your Application Number

Please enter your information as it appeared on your ESTA application.

	Applicant Information		
Family Name * 🚱			
Demo			
First (Given) Name * 😮	Birth Date		
Fee	Day * 😮	1	~
	Month * 😮	January	~
	Year * 😮	1977	~
	Passport Information		
Passport Number * 😨	Passport Issu (Country of Ci	ing Country tizenship)* (•

Applicant fills in fields shown above and clicks on 'Update or Check Status'. If match is found in database the "Application Status" page will be displayed. If 'Approved' it will be exactly like slide #13. If payment is required is required Slide #17 will be displayed.

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Help



Help





Update

Applicant has filled in two of the updateable fields prior to submitting.

NOTE: Passport fields are the only fields displayed which cannot be edited.

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You may update any of the following inform other information on your travel authorizati	ation. Please see <u>Help</u> for information on what to do should on change.
E-Mail Address 😨	Telephone Number
	Country Code 💿 🛛 💌 💌
	Number 🕲
PARIS	Carrier Name @L'AvionFlight Number or Vessel Name @1234
PARIS Address Line 1 🕲	Carrier Name @L'AvionFlight Number or Vessel Name @1234Address Line 2 @
PARIS Address Line 1 @ City @	Carrier Name Flight Number or Vessel Name Address Line 2 State Carrier Name L'Avion
PARIS Address Line 1 @ City @	Carrier Name @ L'Avion
PARIS Address Line 1 @ City @	Carrier Name @ L'Avion

For inquiries or questions regarding this application, please click here.

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Update



System acknowledges updates made have been successful.

For inquiries or questions regarding this application, please click here.

Approved Application Found

Matching on Passport Number and Passport Issuing Country

- Applicant is warned that payment will be required for the new application
- Applicant is required to choose:
 - 1. Cancel new application. Keep existing application
 - 2. Continue with new application



Approved Application Found



A valid, approved application with more than 30 days remaining has been found for this passport. Submitting this application will require payment for this application and will then cancel the existing application.

Would you like to continue?



Continue with new application



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