

NEW RULES FOR TRAVELLING TO EUROPE

Information for travel agents and tour operators

ETIAS is a new electronic travel authorisation required to enter 30 European countries for short stays. It will apply to nationals of 59 visa-free countries, including the US, Canada, the UK and Japan, from the last quarter of 2026.

European countries requiring ETIAS



How to apply

The ETIAS application can be submitted on the official website europa.eu/etias or through the ETIAS mobile application. Applying for the ETIAS travel authorisation will cost EUR 20, though some travellers will not need to pay this fee.

The application form will include questions about the traveller's personal information, travel document details, criminal convictions and past travels to conflict zones. It will be available in the 24 official EU languages as well as in Icelandic and Norwegian.

A guide on how to submit the application will be available on the official ETIAS website in multiple languages, including Arabic, Japanese and Korean.

When to apply

Most applications will be processed within minutes. However, some applications may take up to 30 days to process if the applicant is requested to provide additional information or invited to an interview. This is why it is recommended to apply for an ETIAS travel authorisation well in advance of the planned visit to Europe.

Once granted, the ETIAS travel authorisation will be valid for up to three years and can be used for multiple entries.

Applying on behalf of others

Travel agents and other intermediaries are allowed to apply for an ETIAS travel authorisation on behalf of their clients. They will need to do so using the official ETIAS website or the mobile application. No group applications are accepted.

When a travel agent submits the application on behalf of their client, they will also need to provide their personal details in the application form. Both the travel agent and the client will also need to sign a declaration of representation required to submit the application on behalf of others. There will be a sample form provided on the ETIAS website for this purpose.

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