

What is ETA?

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) is an automated system implemented to facilitate the travel process for eligible foreign travellers. The ETA serves as an electronic travel authorization document that allows travellers to enter the country for a specified period and purpose, typically for tourism, business, or transit.

The ETA process involves submitting an online application through the designated government website. Travellers are required to provide personal information, passport details, travel itinerary and other relevant details as part of the application. The information provided is then screened and verified by the authorities to determine the eligibility of the applicant.

Upon approval, the ETA is electronically linked to the traveller's passport. It serves as a proof of authorization to enter the country and may need to be presented to immigration officials upon arrival. The ETA typically has a validity period and may allow multiple entries within that period, depending on the immigration regulations of Nepal.

Is the ETA mandatory to enter the country?

For countries eligible for *visa on arrival*, having an ETA is not mandatory. However, if a traveller possesses an ETA, the visa issuance process at the immigration desk will be expedited, providing a much-needed convenience to the traveller.

How can I get ETA?

- A traveller can apply using the website:
<https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/onlinevisa-mission/application>
- Select desired Embassy / Consulate / Mission and apply for an ETA.
- The traveller can apply for 15/30/90days using the system.
- The Embassy / Consulate / Mission verifies the ETA application, and the travellers need to pay for ETA:
- The Embassy / Consulate / Mission approves the ETA. Upon approval, the ETA is electronically linked to the traveller's passport.
- Printed ETA certificate is handed to the traveller.

Is it a visa?

No, it is not a visa. It is an Electronic Travel Authorization that will be converted into a visa upon arrival at any airport or land port.

How is ETA converted into a visa?

Upon arrival, the traveller should present the ETA at an immigration desk. The ETA will be scanned into a computer system. The computer system will verify it against its database. Once the computer system recognizes the ETA, it will convert the ETA into a corresponding visa, and the printed visa will be affixed on to the passport.

What should be done?

The traveller also has the option to submit an electronic copy of the ETA at the immigration desk. Alternatively, they can submit the passport that was used for the ETA application.

What is the validity of ETA?

Validity of an ETA is up to 6 months from the date of approval.

What should be done, if an ETA expires?

The traveller should apply for the next ETA, if it expires before arrival to a port of the country.