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## Future Border Immigration System (FBIS)

# Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

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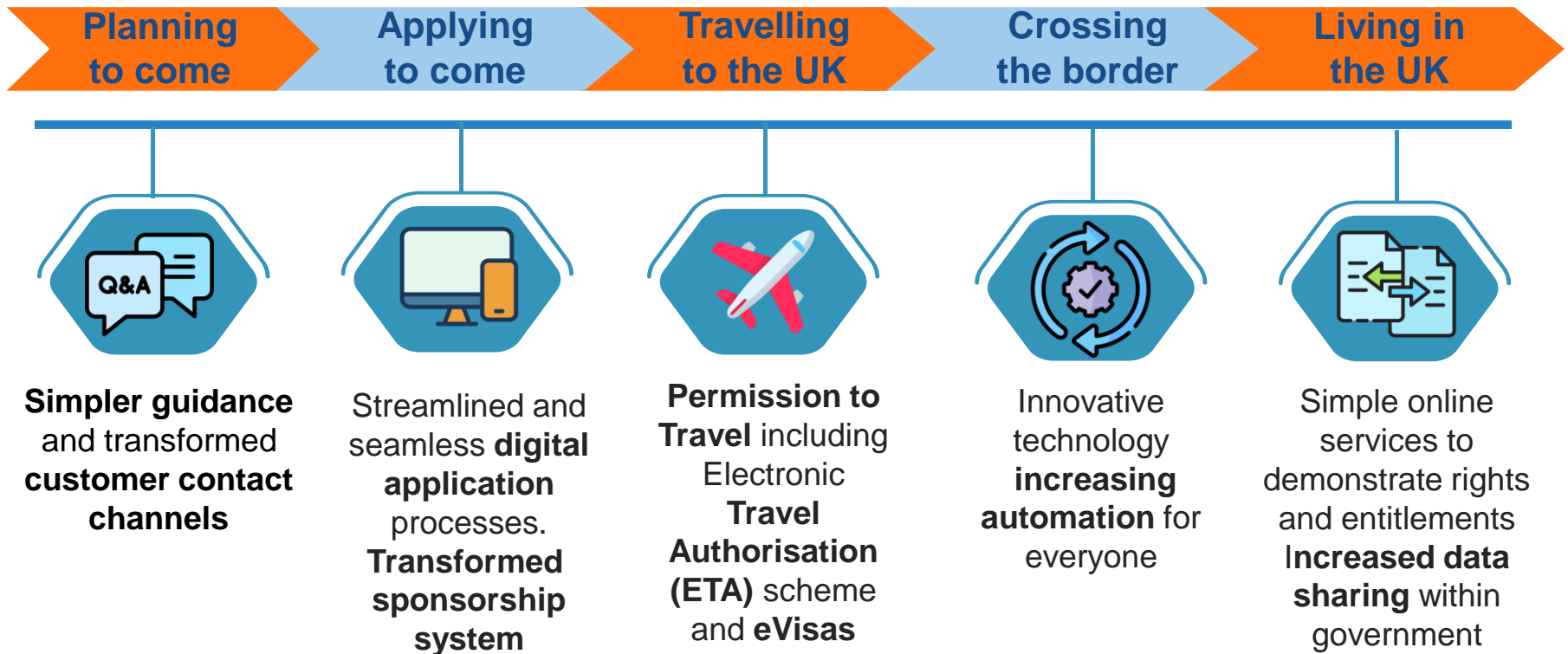


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Although the enclosed information is correct at the time of presentation, please click [here](#) to access the latest information relating to the ETA scheme.



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# What is Universal Permission to Travel (UPT)

To strengthen the UK's borders, those travelling to the UK (except British and Irish citizens) must seek permission in advance of travel – this is our **universal 'permission to travel' (UPT) requirement**.

The type of permission a person has will depend on their individual circumstances



**British & Irish citizens**, who do not require permission to enter the UK, will not need to obtain a permission. To demonstrate their entitlement to travel to the UK they will show their passport, if travelling from outside the Common Travel Area.



Those **granted permission to enter or remain**, their permission to travel to the UK will be their immigration status, evidenced by an entry clearance, biometric residence document, other physical document or **eVisa**



Those who do not need a visa, entry clearance or other specified immigration status will require a valid **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** before travelling to the UK

Advance passenger information will be submitted to the Home Office, who in response will confirm whether the traveller has a permission to travel to the UK.



# The What and Why of introducing ETA

## WHAT

- An ETA is advance permission to travel to the UK, for those **who do not currently need to obtain a visa, or do not have a UK immigration status**

## WHAT

- **ETAs will fill the current gap** in advance permissions for non-visa nationals and other specific cohorts

## WHAT

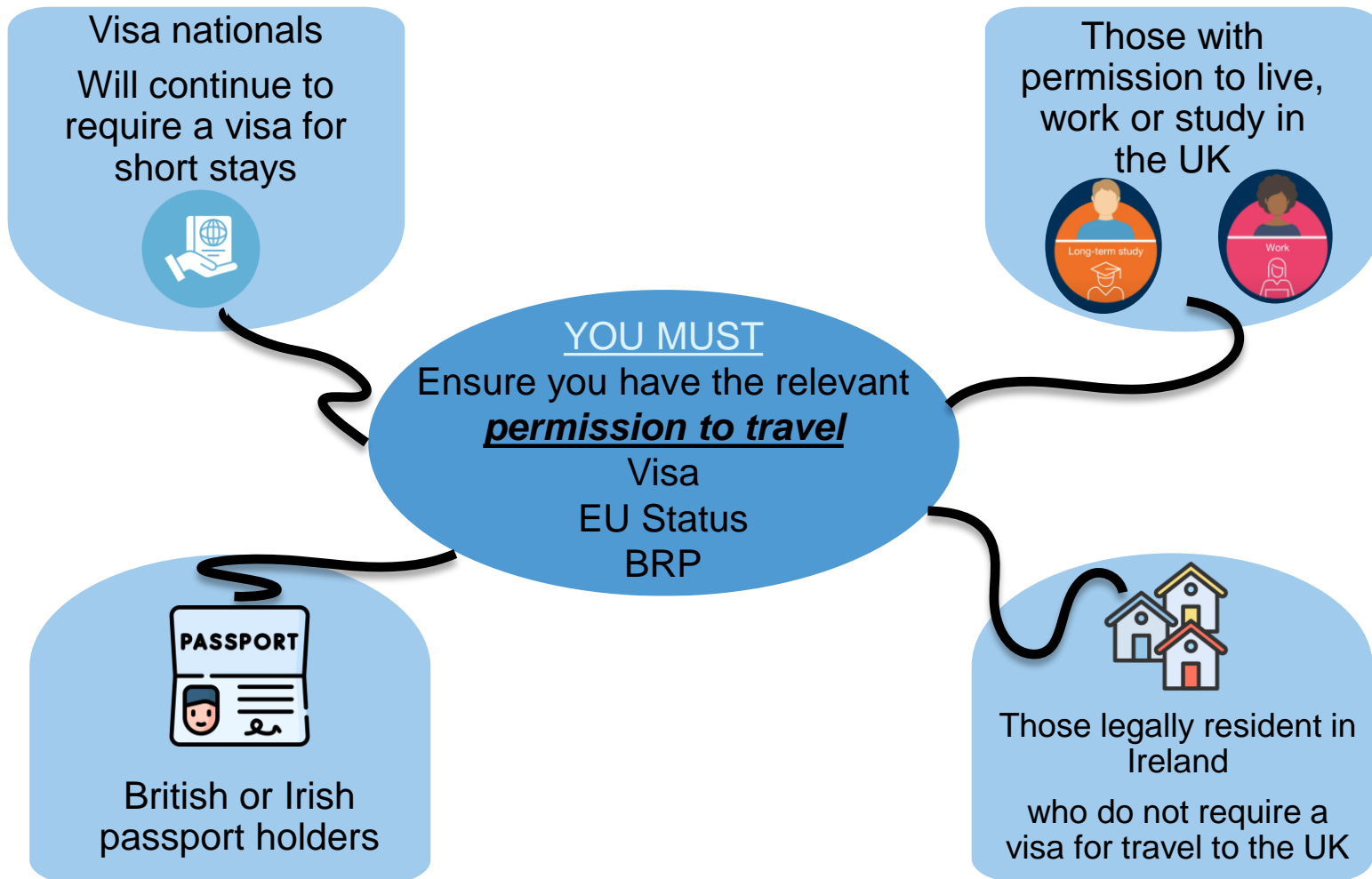
- An ETA will **cost £10**, be **valid for 2 years** or until passport expires, whichever sooner and valid for **multiple journeys** to the UK within that period.

## WHY

- To **strengthen the security of the UK border**
- Information provided will enhance the UK's ability to screen travellers and **stop those who pose a threat** from travelling to the UK.

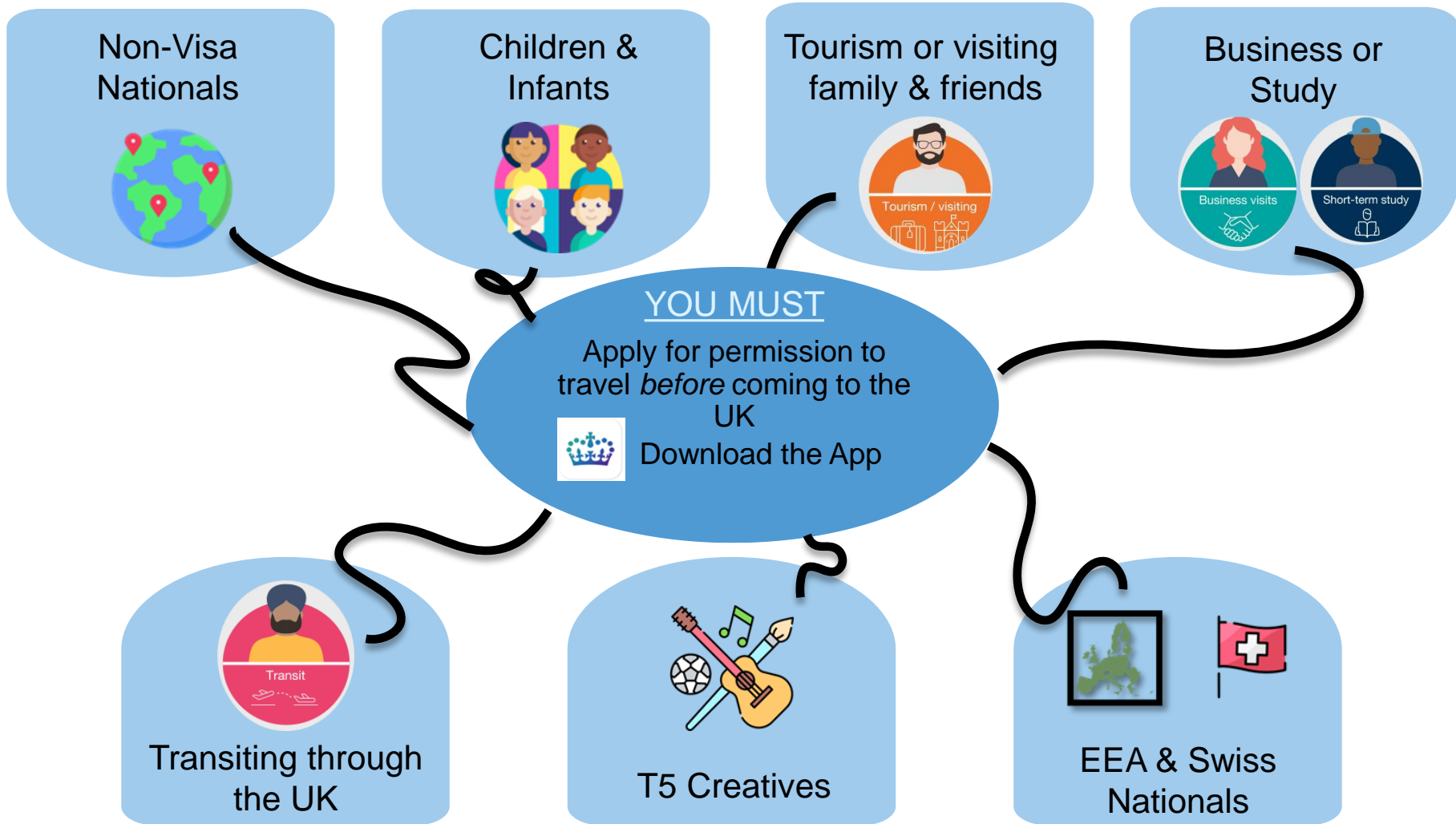


# Who does not need an ETA?





# Who needs an ETA?





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# International comparisons

Several countries already operate similar schemes and have done for many years:



US (ESTA)



Australia (ETA)



New Zealand (ETA)



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Canada (eTA)



EU (ETIAS) (launching 2024)





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# ETA roll out – Phase 1

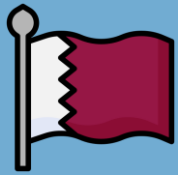




# Benefits to GCC Nationals

BENEFITS	ETA	EVW	VISA
<b>Cost</b>	£10	£30	6 month Visa = £100
<b>Multiple Trips</b>	✓	✗	✓
<b>Application Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simple App</li><li>• Intuitive</li><li>• Pre-populated using biometrics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apply on Gov.UK</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In person visit to VAC required</li><li>• Give Passport to UK – can be a lengthy process currently</li></ul>
<b>Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-Visa Nationals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visa Nationals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visa Nationals</li></ul>

# Rima Al-Abdulla



Rima is a Qatari national who travels to the UK for 3 months during the summer. During that time, she likes to visit Paris for shopping trips.



## Age

38

## Occupation

Public Sector worker

## Location

Doha, Qatar

### With an EVW

Rima would be expected to pay £30 each time she wants to return to the UK during her 3 month stay



- 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023** = Rima can apply for an ETA
- Travel **between 25/10/23-15/11/23** = still requires an EVW
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** = Rima will require an ETA



### With an ETA

Rima will only have to pay £10, and this will allow her to make multiple trips in and out of the UK without having to re-apply during her stay. Not only is this a saving, it means she is not tied to a specific train or flight.





Mr. Rashid is a businessman living in Dubai.

Mr. Rashid doesn't usually work Fridays and likes to fly to London on a Thursday, so he can spend the weekend there.



## With an ETA:

Under planned rollout for GCC Countries (from Feb 2024) Mr. Rashid has applied for, and been granted an ETA **costing £10.**



With one application Mr. Rashid can now make multiple trips to London over the next 2 years.



Mr. Rashid



UAE National



Senior Real Estate Consultant

## With an EVW:

Mr. Rashid will require an EVW **costing £30** each time he visits London.



EVW is granted so he can travel to London for the weekend. EVW is approved for one trip per application, which may make unplanned visits less convenient.



Case Study 2



**Samira**

👤 42

📄 Domestic Worker

The **Ansari Family** are planning on Visiting the UK for tourism – they really want to see the London Eye!



The Ansari family **WILL EACH** require an ETA as their permission to travel ✓

Samira is a domestic worker for the Ansari Family in UAE, and will be travelling with the family to the UK



- Samira **CANNOT** apply for an ETA ✗
- She will require an Overseas Domestic Worker (ODW) Visa ✓  
**\*as is the case now**



Case Study 3



# ETA passenger process

Application made via **ETA App** or GOV.UK website [if no smartphone]. Light touch application will include personal information and any criminality declarations

**'ID Check' via App** to complete the identity stage of the application with Face Biometrics. Self enrolled.

Crime/Security/ Identity Checks

## Make payment

separate application & payment for each person who requires an ETA

## Automated granted when:

- applicants with no system hits
- No negative immigration history
- Facial ID match confirmed

## Manual intervention for assessment & decision

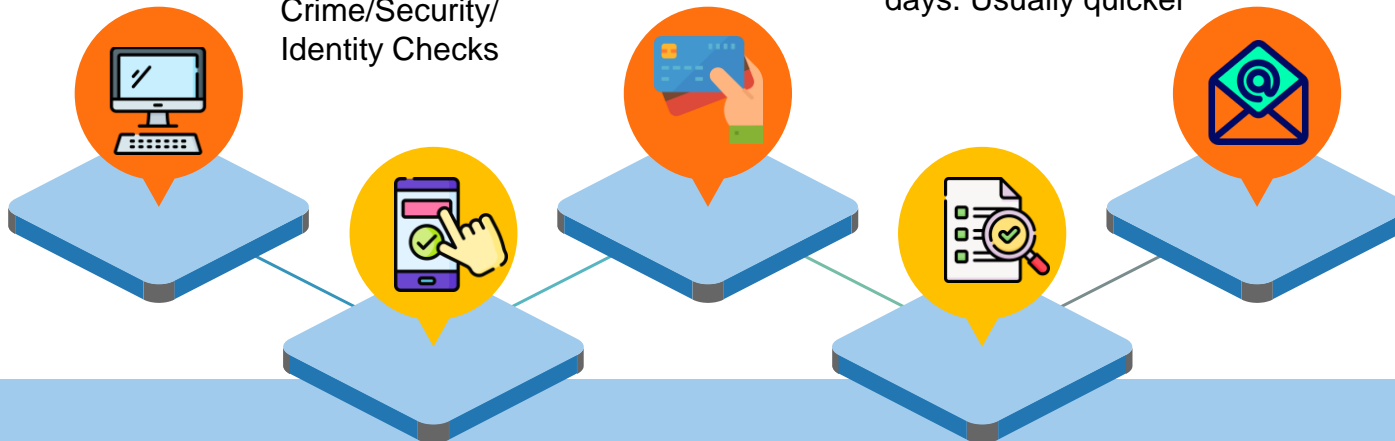
Where identity cannot be verified, a declaration made, or an adverse trace has been found. Decision usually within 3 working days. Usually quicker

## Email granting ETA with:

- Permission to travel for two years; or
- expiry of passport whichever is sooner.

## Refused:

receive a reason & directed to apply for visa if they still wish to travel





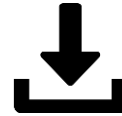
# ETA Communication products & further Engagement

For official updates regarding the UK ETA we recommend directing your audience to our GOV.UK guidance page:



[Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

To help you prepare your audiences for ETAs we have created a **downloadable pack** of shareable messages and content



## Contact Us

Communication campaign products

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# Video & Demo of ETA App





# Questions and Close

