

Global Immigration alert

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Israel

Launch of the Electronic Travel Authorization system delayed until January 2025

Executive summary

On 24 July 2024, the Israeli authorities announced that the implementation of the [Electronic Travel Authorization \(ETA\)](#) system, which was initially expected to begin in August 2024, has been postponed to January 2025.

Background

Earlier in 2024, the authorities launched the ETA system on a pilot (and voluntary) basis for German and US nationals who seek to visit Israel for business or tourism, and for all other visa-exempt foreign nationals (on a voluntary basis) who seek to visit Israel for up to 90 days for business or tourism.

Key developments

The ETA will become mandatory for all visa-exempt foreign nationals who seek to undertake short-term visits to Israel for business or tourism purposes starting January 2025. An ETA will authorize individuals to board a flight to Israel. However, their admission will be subject to the approval of border control agents.

Impact on employers

Employers may use this additional period to update their internal policies and support impacted employees with complying with ETA requirements to minimize business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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