

Global Immigration alert

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Israel

Israel to launch Electronic Travel Authorization system effective 1 January 2025

Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2025, visa-free foreign nationals who seek to undertake short-term visits to Israel for business or tourism purposes will be required to submit an online application on the new Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) system prior to entering Israel.

Key developments

All visa-free foreign nationals (including primary applicants and dependents, regardless of age) who seek to visit Israel for up to 90 days will be required to apply online on the [ETA portal](#) at least 72 hours prior to their entry and provide details regarding the purpose of their current visit (including employer information) and previous visits, if applicable. The authorities will process ETA applications within 24 to 72 hours. Individuals will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of ILS 25 (approx. USD 7). In case the authorities require additional information, applicants will be directed to a government-authorized support center or the Israeli embassy or consulate closest to their location.

An ETA will be valid for up to two years and allow individuals to make multiple visits to Israel for up to 90 days per visit. Individuals who renew their passports during the validity period of their ETA will be required to file a new application. While an ETA will authorize individuals to board a flight to Israel, it will not guarantee entry, and they will be admitted subject to the approval of border control agents.

Foreign nationals holding a valid Israeli visa, such as a B-1, A-1 or A-5 Visa, will not be required to apply for an ETAL prior to arriving in or returning to Israel.

Impact on employers

Employers may 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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