

Global Immigration alert

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Israel

Israel to launch Electronic Travel Authorization system

Executive summary

Effective 1 August 2024, visa-exempt 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 entry.

Key developments

The Israeli authorities introduced the ETA on a pilot (and voluntary) basis on 1 June 2024 for German and US nationals who seek to visit Israel for business or tourism. Effective 1 July 2024, the pilot program will be extended on a voluntary basis to all visa-exempt foreign nationals who seek to visit Israel for up to 90 days for business or tourism.

Starting 1 August 2024, filing an online application on the [ETA portal](#) will be mandatory for all visa-exempt foreign nationals (regardless of their age) who seek to travel to Israel for up to 90 days for business or tourism. These individuals will be required to file the application at least 72 hours prior to their entry and provide details regarding the purpose of their current visit (including employer information) and details of previous visits, if applicable.

The authorities will process ETA applications within 24 to 72 hours. If individuals do not receive an approval within 72 hours, they may contact the ETA hotline for more information.

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. No application fee will be applicable in the first year. A fee of

ILS 25 (approx. USD 7) will be levied starting in August 2025. Individuals who renew their passports during the validity period of their ETA will be required to file a new application.

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 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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