

## What are eVisas and ETAs?

	eVisa	ETA
WHAT IS IT?	<p>It is a digital record of a person's immigration permission</p> <p>It replaces BRPs and vignettes (stickers) in passports</p>	<p>It gives permission to <u>travel to</u> the UK. It does not give permission to <u>enter</u> the UK.</p> <p>It must be obtained before travelling to the UK</p>
COURSE LENGTH & WHO IS IT FOR?	<p>Up to 6 months = visa nationals (standard visitor)</p> <p>More than 6 months = everyone (Student route and Short-term study)</p>	<p>Up to 6 months</p> <p>Non-Visa nationals only</p>

### eVisas

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) have started a new digital immigration system to change how individuals show evidence of their UK immigration permission. Documents such as vignettes and biometric residence permits (BRPs) will be replaced by **eVisas**. An eVisa is a digital record of the person's immigration status and the conditions of their permission to enter or stay in the UK. All people with immigration permission will need to create a UKVI account to be able to use their eVisa.

Once the UKVI account has been created, the person can view and then share their permission through '**view and prove**'. [View and prove your immigration status: get a share code - GOV.UK](#)

To enrol on any course at East Sussex College, you will need to show your travel document or passport (if you have one) and eVisa sharecode at application stage. We will check your right to be in the UK using the sharecode. We cannot enrol someone until these checks have been completed.

## Visitor Visa

A visitor is someone who wishes to visit the UK for up to six months.

If you are a **visa national**, then you must apply for the visa (entry clearance) before you travel to the UK.

If you are a **non-visa national**, you do not have to apply for entry clearance before travelling to the UK. You can apply to enter the UK as a visitor on arrival at the border.

Those applying for a visitor visa from outside the UK will move to eVisas in the future but not now.

[Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Visa national list - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

## Electronic Travel Authorisation

An Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), is needed for **non-visa nationals** who want to travel to the UK as a visitor. An ETA gives a person permission to travel to the UK and is needed before you travel. The ETA only provides permission to travel to the UK, people with an ETA must also have permission to enter the UK on arrival.

An ETA costs £10.00 and allows multiple journeys to the UK for up to two years or until the person's passport expires – whichever is first. Once given, ETAs are digitally linked to a person's passport and allows a person to stay in the UK for **up to six months** at a time – including both short trips and longer trips.

An ETA is not a visa, it is a digital permission to travel to the UK. Application is made through the UK ETA app or on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

All travellers to the UK – except British and Irish citizens – will need permission to travel to the UK in advance through either an ETA or an eVisa. What you apply for will depend on your course length and nationality.

**Holders of European passports** will be able to apply from 5 March 2025 and will need an ETA to travel to the UK from 2 April 2025.

For **more information** search “eVisa” or “ETA” on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)