

Information about K-ETA (Updated on 1 April, 2022)

- K-ETA has been implemented since September 1st 2021
 - Following the implementation of K-ETA, nationals of 112 countries/regions who were eligible for visa-free entry now should apply for K-ETA for the issuance of the boarding pass. K-ETA authorization is generally valid for multiple trips over a period of two years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first. (Application fee - 10,000 KRW/person)

☞ For details, refer to [Attachment 1]

- However, due to the COVID-19, currently ONLY ① nationals of 96 countries/regions visa-free entry is available and ② ‘Priority Entry (Business) Persons’ of the 16 visa-free entry suspended countries/regions as an exception can apply for K-ETA (as of 1 April, 2022). Depending on the situation of COVID-19, the list of countries/regions may be updated.

☞ For details, refer to [Attachment 2]

- The K-ETA Center operates 24/7 for K-ETA assessment. The consultation service is available during weekdays from 9:00 to 18:00 (KST) via E-mail. (Supported languages: Korean, English, Russian, and Thai)

※ All travelers entering the Republic of Korea (including Korean nationals) are required to submit a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken no more than 48 hours before departure. Detailed information can be found on the website of the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (www.kdca.go.kr , ☎1339).

※ All inbound travelers except the holders of ‘Quarantine exemption’ are required to quarantine. Since K-ETA Center is not in charge of Quarantine, please contact the department in charge for detailed information on the quarantine requirements. (www.kdca.go.kr , ☎1339).

Detailed Information about K-ETA

1. HOW TO APPLY FOR K-ETA?

- Nationals of K-ETA eligible countries/regions should apply for K-ETA via the official K-ETA website or mobile Application* at least 24 hours before departure.
- A family or tour representative can apply for K-ETA up to 30 people at once.
- Please note that the information entered cannot be modified once the application is submitted. Therefore you need to re-apply for K-ETA. Make sure all information is filled in correctly before making a payment.

* PC: www.k-eta.go.kr, Mobile Application: K-ETA

※ By using the mobile application, the applicants can easily take photo and instantly upload it.

2. WHO NEEDS K-ETA?

- K-ETA is mandatory for nationals of 66 visa-waiver countries/regions and 46 designated visa-free entry countries/regions who enter Korea without visa.
- However, due to the COVID-19, currently ONLY ① nationals of 96 countries/regions visa-free entry is available and ② 'Priority Entry (Business) Persons' of the 16 visa-free entry suspended countries/regions as an exception can apply for K-ETA.

▷ Person who is a national of a K-ETA required country, but is exempt from K-ETA.

- Dual nationality holders who have a valid Korean passport
- USFK service members (under SOFA)
- Aircraft and ship crew member
- ABTC holder
- Transfer passenger
- UN passport holders
- Jeju Island travelers using a direct flight to/from Jeju Island only (temporarily suspended)

☞ For details, refer to [Attachment 3]

▷ Person who is a national of a K-ETA required country in principle, but obtained approval for K-ETA exemption from the Ministry of Justice in advance through the request of relevant organizations by submitting a list of names via official channel.

- Diplomatic or official passport holders
- Dependents of USFK members, civilian component, etc. (under SOFA)

3. Fee

- The K-ETA fee is 10,000 KRW and additional fees may apply.
(Article 72-1-2 of the Immigration Act)
 - ※ Payment can be made by credit or debit card. Foreign transaction fee may vary depending on the currency.

4. Validity of K-ETA

- K-ETA is valid for multiple trips within 2 years from the approval date.
 - ※ If your passport will expire in less than 2 years, your K-ETA also will expire on the same date as your passport.
- K-ETA is NOT a visa.
K-ETA approval does not guarantee admission to the Republic of Korea.
A Korea Immigration Service officer at a port of entry will have the final determination.
- Please refer to the attached Excel file for the duration of allowed visa-free stay.

List of K-ETA Required Countries

☐ 50 Eligible Countries for K-ETA

Albania, Andorra, Barbados, Dominica, Guam, Guyana, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts-Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovenia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Greece, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Estonia, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Singapore

☐ 46 for K-ETA (from Apr. 1st, 2022) Additional Eligible Countries

Malaysia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Israel, , Kazakhstan, Qatar, Thailand, Turkey, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Brazil, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Haiti, Antigua and Barbuda, El Salvador, Uruguay, Jamaica, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Ecuador, Russia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Fiji, Tuvalu, Australia, Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Morocco, Mauritius, Botswana, Seychelles, Eswatini, Tunisia

List of K-ETA Suspended Countries

☐ 16 Countries Currently Suspended for the K-ETA

Asia (7)	Macau, Brunei Darussalam, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Kuwait, Taiwan, Hong Kong
Americas (3)	Grenada, Panama, Peru,
Oceania (6)	New Zealand, Micronesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga

※ For nationals of 16 visa-free entry suspended countries can apply for K-ETA for 「Priority Entry (Business) Persons」. For details, refer to our official website's [Notice] '[\(Updated\) K-ETA Application Guide for Priority Entry \(Business\) Persons](#)'.

[FAQ] Individuals who are not required for K-ETA

Q. I am a multiple citizenship holder holding both Korean passport and U.S. passport. Do I need to apply for K-ETA?

In principle, the multiple citizenship holders need to present their Korean passports for immigration inspection when they enter or exit the Republic of Korea. If so, they do not need to apply for K-ETA.

A. And at the airline counter, you need to present both of the passports to get your boarding pass. However, the airline might reject to issue the boarding pass for not having valid K-ETA if there is any discrepancy in personal information written on the passport bio page (such as name or date of birth) between Korean passport and U.S. passport or for any other reasons. So, please check this matter with the airline in advance.

If you do not have a valid Korean passport, please apply for or renew your passport at a diplomatic mission of the Republic of Korea and enter the country with it. However, if you are not able to get it due to inevitable situations such as COVID-19, you need to apply for K-ETA and enter the country with your U.S. passport.

Q. I am a member of the United States Forces Korea (USFK). Do I need to get a K-ETA?

A. No. According to the 'Agreement under Article IV of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Korea (SOFA)', members of the United States Armed Forces (USFK service members) do not need to get a K-ETA. Note that you will need to present your DOD ID card instead of your passport upon check-in for issuance of your boarding pass.

Q. Do flight or ship crew members need to get a K-ETA?

A. When a flight or ship crew member is entering the Republic of Korea as a crew member, that person does not need to get a K-ETA.

Q. I have a valid ABTC. Do I need to get a K-ETA?

A. No. Valid ABTC holders will be able to receive their boarding pass without a K-ETA.

Q. I want to travel to Jeju Island. Do I need to get a K-ETA?

A. No. Those who wish to travel directly only to Jeju Island do not need to get a K-ETA. If the traveler wishes to visit other places in Korea after visiting Jeju Island, that person needs to get a K-ETA before entry to Jeju Island.

Q. I am a transfer passenger. Do I need to get a K-ETA?

A. No. Transfer/transit passengers who are not entering Korea do not need to get a K-ETA.

Q. I am a transfer passenger but I need to enter the Republic of Korea to recheck my luggage. In this case, am I eligible for K-ETA exemption?

A. No. If you need to go through check-in process after entering the country to recheck the luggage, you need to get K-ETA.

Q. I am from a K-ETA required country but I am a registered foreign resident in Korea. Do I need to get a K-ETA?

A. No. Residence Card holders (registered foreign residents) do not need to get a K-ETA.