



ETA

is an official authorization for Short Visit to Sri Lanka and it is issued electronically by the Department of Immigration and Emigration. The ETA system is introduced with the intention of providing an efficient, reliable and simplified service to those who visit Sri Lanka and is a preliminary authorization for them to enter in to Sri Lanka. ETA holders will be issued 30 days short visit visa at the port of entry in Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals, who intend to visit Sri Lanka for short stay, must obtain ETA, prior to their arrival with effect from 1st of January 2012; The ETA is issued through on-line system. No passport copies, documents or photograph are required. There is no requirement to endorse the ETA in the passport.

Short Visit to Sri Lanka

If you wish to visit Sri Lanka for a short stay for any of the following purposes, you must obtain ETA prior to arrival.

Purposes considered for short visit:

Visit categories

1. TOURISM



- ◆ Sightseeing, holidaying
- ◆ Visiting friends and relatives
- ◆ Medical treatment including Ayurvedic (herbal) and yoga
- ◆ Participate in sporting events, competitions and activities relating to cultural performance



2. BUSINESS

- ◆ Participate in business meetings and negotiations
- ◆ Conferences, workshops and seminars
- ◆ Short training courses
- ◆ Participate in art, music and dance



3. TRANSIT

- ◆ Transiting through Sri Lanka

The following Nationals & Categories are exempted from ETA

◆ Nationals

1. The Republic of Singapore
2. The Republic of Maldives

◆ Categories

1. Crew members of flight
2. Crew members of ship

Official & Diplomatic Visits

Foreign nationals intend to visit Sri Lanka for Official or Diplomatic purposes should forward their applications to the Department of Immigration & Emigration through the relevant Sri Lanka Government Ministries, Agencies or Sri Lanka Overseas Missions.

01. Gratis (free of charge) basis is applicable only for Diplomatic and Official passport holders.
02. The Gratis ETA is granted for normal passport holders, if arrangements have been made between the Government of Sri Lanka and the respective countries.
03. For personal visits, Diplomatic & Official passport holders should follow the normal ETA application procedure.

How to submit an ETA application?



For the convenience of the visitors, ETA application can be submitted using one of the following options:

01. By the applicant
02. Third Parties
03. Registered Agents
04. Sri Lanka Overseas Missions
05. On arrival at the port of entry
06. At the head office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration (DI&E)

General Instructions

If you planning a holiday visit, a short business trip or to transit through, you need to apply and obtain an ETA prior to your arrival in Sri Lanka. You can now apply online for:

- ◆ ETA for Tourist purpose with double entry for 30 (Thirty) days;
- ◆ ETA for Business purpose with multiple entry for 30 (Thirty) days;
- ◆ ETA for Transit for 07 (seven) days.

Application for ETA should be submitted electronically using one of the six submission methods mentioned above. No passport copies or photographs are required. Simply fill the application form and submit it electronically to the Department of Immigration & Emigration. The Department maintains a NO REFUND policy.

If ETA is granted, the applicant will be notified accordingly. ETA holder is entitled to enter Sri Lanka within three months from the date of issue of ETA.

In the event of ETA being rejected the system will send a referral notification to the applicant and he/she needs to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for necessary assistance.

Note1: Please refer annexure> TABLE 01 & TABLE 2 for ETA Processing Fee (US Dollars.)

How to extend Short visit VISA

if you wish to stay more than 30 days in Sri Lanka, you may apply for an extension. The short visit visa may be extended up to 90 days from the date of arrival in the first instance and further 90 days thereafter. Application for an extension should be submitted to the visa section of the Department of Immigration and Emigration (Head Office) by him or her self. For more details www.immigration.gov.lk



If you are planning a short visit to Sri Lanka, You can submit your ETA application online to the Department of Immigration & Emigration by visiting

www.eta.gov.lk

Steps to be followed:

1. Fill the ETA application. Pay the relevant processing fee using your credit card and submit the application. Only Visa, Master and American Express Cards are accepted. If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive an acknowledgement promptly.

2. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you have to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for necessary assistance.

3. To check your ETA application status you may log-on to the ETA web site or contact +94 71 9967888

It is advisable to keep a copy of the ETA approval with you to be produced at the port of entry in Sri Lanka. The ETA holders should fulfill the following requirements at the port of entry :

- ◆ Should possess a valid passport not less than six (6) months
- ◆ A Confirmed Return Ticket;
- ◆ Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.



If you are planning a Short Visit to Sri Lanka, you can get the service of any third party such as Travel Agents, Airlines, friends, and relatives etc., to apply ETA on behalf of you.

Steps to be followed:

1. Contact your preferred third party and advise them to lodge your ETA application.
2. The third party may pay the relevant ETA processing fee and submit your application. once the application is submitted successfully, an acknowledgment will be sent as requested in the application.
3. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you have to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for necessary assistance.
4. To check your ETA application status you may log-on to the ETA website or contact +94 71 9967888

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- ◆ A confirmed Return Ticket;
- ◆ Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.



If you are planning a Short Visit to Sri Lanka, you can submit your ETA application through Registered Agents in Sri Lanka. Registered Agents are officially appointed and authorized by the Department of Immigration & Emigration (DI&E) to provide ETA supporting services to clients seeking assistance.

Steps to be followed:

1. Contact your preferred Registered Agent and advise them to lodge your ETA application.
2. The Registered Agent will forward your ETA application to the DI&E.
3. Upon submission, an acknowledgment with a reference number will be sent to the Registered Agent or to the principal applicant, as requested in the application. Status of the Application can be viewed by the agent.
4. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you have to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for necessary assistance.
5. To check your ETA application status you may log-on to the ETA website or contact +94 719967888

It is advisable to keep a copy of the ETA approval with you to be produced at the port of entry in Sri Lanka. The ETA holders should fulfill the following requirements at the port of entry:

- ◆ Should possess a valid passport not less than six (6) months.
- ◆ A Confirmed Return Ticket;
- ◆ Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.

Submission of ETA application through SL Overseas Missions

If you are planning a short visit to Sri Lanka, You can submit your ETA application through a Sri Lanka Overseas Mission. Sri Lanka Overseas Mission are authorized to issue ETA up to 30 days and with the request and requirement of the applicant, they are also authorized to extend it up to 90 days. (conditions are applied)

Steps to be followed:

1. Proceed to the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission. Fill the ETA application and / or visa application and hand it over to the "visa officer" together with relevant fee.
2. Sri Lanka Overseas Mission, with the concurrence of the Department of Immigration & Emigration (DI&E), will issue ETA or short stay visa within 03 business days.
3. upon submission an acknowledgment with a reference number will be sent to the respective Overseas Mission and to the principal applicant as requested in the application. Application status can be viewed by the Overseas Mission.
4. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice and / or collect your passport with endorsed visa.
5. To check ETA application status you may log-on to the ETA website or contact +94 719967888

It is advisable to keep copy of the ETA approval with you to be produced at the point of entry in Sri Lanka. The ETA holders should produce the following requirements at the port of entry:

- ◆ Should possess a valid passport not less than six (6) months
- ◆ A Confirmed Return Ticket;
- ◆ Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.

Note 2: Please refer annexure> TABLE 02 for ETA processing fee and Short Visit Visa fee charged by the Sri Lanka Overseas Missions.



If you wish to invite a foreign national for a holiday visit or business trip to Sri Lanka, you can submit ETA application by visiting the Department of Immigration and Emigration Head office in Colombo.

Steps to be followed:

1. Visit the Department of Immigration and Emigration office in Colombo. Fill the ETA application form and handed over to the "Visa Officer". (Processing fee will be charged)
2. A notification of approval or referral will be sent as requested in the application to the applicant with a copy to the party who submitted the application.
3. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you have to contact the nearest Sri Lanka Overseas Mission for your necessary assistance.
4. To check your ETA application status you may log-on to the ETA website or contact +94 71 9967888

It is advisable to keep copy of the ETA approval with you to be produced at the point of entry in Sri Lanka. The ETA holders should produce the following requirements at the port of entry:

- Should possess a valid passport not less than six (6) months
- A Confirmed Return Ticket;
- Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.



For those who visit Sri Lanka without prior ETA under exceptional circumstances, a limited facility to obtain ETA at BIA available. An additional fee will be charge.

Steps to be followed:

01. Upon arrival at the BIA, report to "ETA" Counter and fill the ETA application form and make the relevant ETA processing fee. Only credit card payments and cash in foreign currencies designated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka are accepted.
2. If your application is approved, the ETA will be issued up to 30 days.
3. Get your ETA approval notice or referral notice. If referral notice is served, you will be refused entry and sent back the same flight.
4. Those who obtained ETA please proceed to the Immigration Counter and submit your passport.

The ETA holders should produce the following requirements;

- ◆ Should possess a valid passport not less than six (6) months
- ◆ A Confirmed Return Ticket;
- ◆ Sufficient funds to meet the expenses during the stay.

Foreign currencies designated by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka .

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| 1. Australian Dollar | 8. New Zealand Dollar |
| 2. Canadian Dollar | 9. Norwegian Kroner |
| 3. Chinese Renminbi | 10. Pound Sterling |
| 4. Danish Kroner | 11. Singapore Dollar |
| 5. Euro | 12. Swedish Kroner |
| 6. Hong Kong Dollar | 13. Swiss Frank |
| 7. Japanese Yen | 14. United States Dollar |



ETA Processing Fee (US \$)

table 01

Sri Lanka ETA processing fee is calculated based on category of visa and place of application

| Method of submission of ETA application | Tourist visa with Double Entry for 30 days | Business visa with Multiple Entry for 30 days | Transit visa with Single Entry for 7 days |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 Self Submission by the applicant | US\$ 50 | US\$ 60 | US\$ 25 |
| 2 Submission through a Registered Agent | US\$ 50 | US\$ 60 | US\$ 25 |
| 3 Submission through Sri Lanka Overseas Missions | US\$ 50 | US\$ 60 | US\$ 25 |
| 4 Submission through a Third Party | US\$ 50 | US\$ 60 | US\$ 25 |
| 5 Submission at the Head Office of Sri Lanka Immigration, Colombo | US\$ 50 | US\$ 60 | US\$ 25 |
| 6 Submission at the Port of Entry | US\$ 75 | US\$ 75 | US\$ 25 |

ETA processing fee and Short Visit Visa fee charged by the Sri Lanka Overseas Missions. (US \$)

table 02

| Visa category | Charges in United States Dollar (\$) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | ETA processing fee | Reciprocal visa fee |
| 1 Tourist Visa with Double Entry for 30 days | US\$ 50 | N/A |
| 2 Tourist Visa Single Entry up to 90 days | US\$ 50 | Relevant Country fee |
| 3 Tourist Visa with Double Entry up to 90 days | US\$ 50 | Twice the Relevant Country fee |
| 4 Business Visa with multiple Entry for 30 days | US\$ 60 | N/A |
| 5 Business Visa with Single Entry up to 90 days | US\$ 60 | Relevant Country fee |
| 6 Business Visa with Multiple Entry up to 90 days | US\$ 60 | Thrice the Relevant Country fee |
| 7 Transit Visa Single Entry for 7 days | US\$ 25 | N/A |

VISA FEE (COUNTRY FEE) US \$

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|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|---------------------|--------|
| . Afghanistan | 30.00 | . Iran | 15.00 | . Sudan | 63.00 |
| . Algeria | 29.10 | . Iraq | 41.56 | . Swaziland | 12.80 |
| . Angola | 45.00 | . Ireland | 16.00 | . Sweden | 25.00 |
| . Argentina | 25.00 | . Israel | 18.00 | . Switzerland | 27.20 |
| . Armenia Republic of | 35.00 | . Italy | 35.00 | . Syria | 08.00 |
| . Australia | 30.00 | . Jamaica | - | . Tajikistan | 80.00 |
| . Austria | 27.00 | . Japan | 25.00 | . Tanzania | 200.00 |
| . Azerbaijan | 40.00 | . Jordan | 14.23 | . Thailand | 07.00 |
| . Bangladesh | 25.00 | . Kenya | 50.00 | . Trinidad & Tobago | 14.00 |
| . Belarus | 20.00 | . Korea North | 50.00 | . Tunisia | 07.10 |
| . Belgium | 20.00 | . Korea South | 30.00 | . Turkey | 21.00 |
| . Bahrain | 32.00 | . Kuwait | 10.00 | . Turkmenistan | 41.00 |
| . Bhutan | 20.00 | . Laos | 25.00 | . Uganda | 30.00 |
| . Bosnia Herzegovina | 32.00 | . Latvia | 10.00 | . Ukraine | 45.00 |
| . Botswana | 04.00 | . Lebanon | 33.00 | . U A E | 163.00 |
| . Brazil | 75.00 | . Lesotho | 08.00 | . United Kingdom | 54.00 |
| . Brunei | 08.67 | . Libya | 35.00 | . Uruguay | 43.40 |
| . Bulgaria | 37.00 | . Lithuania | 10.00 | . USA | 100.00 |
| . Burundi | 80.00 | . Luxembourg | 26.00 | . Uzbekistan | 80.00 |
| . Cambodia | 20.00 | . Macedonia | 55.00 | . Venezuela | 30.00 |
| . Cameroon | 63.00 | . Madagascar | 64.00 | . Vietnam | 45.00 |
| . Canada | 50.00 | . Malaysia | 04.00 | . Yemen | 40.00 |
| . Chile | - | . Maldives | 38.50 | . Yugoslavia | 18.00 |
| . China | 19.16 | . Malta | 38.00 | . Zaire | 21.00 |
| . Colombia | 40.00 | . Mexico | 36.00 | . Zambia | 22.50 |
| . Congo | 64.00 | . Moldova | 40.00 | . Zimbabwe | 40.00 |
| . Costa Rica | 02.00 | . Mongolia | 25.00 | . Other Countries | 06.00 |
| . Cote D' Ivore | 24.00 | . Morocco | 16.00 | | |
| . Croatia | 19.00 | . Mozambique | 04.94 | | |
| . Cuba | 15.00 | . Myanmar | 20.00 | | |
| . Cyprus | 10.00 | . Namibia | 15.00 | | |
| . Czech Republic of | - | . Nepal | 30.00 | | |
| . Denmark | 27.00 | . Netherlands | 49.00 | | |
| . Dominican Republic | 02.00 | . New Zealand | 34.50 | | |
| . Ecuador | 20.00 | . Nicaragua | 30.00 | | |
| . Egypt | 27.00 | . Nigeria | 04.00 | | |
| . Eritrea | 30.00 | . Norway | 32.70 | | |
| . Estonia Republic of | 12.00 | . Oman | 18.18 | | |
| . Ethiopia | 42.00 | . Pakistan | 00.75 | | |
| . Fiji | 32.00 | . Palestine | 07.00 | | |
| . Finland | 28.00 | . Panama | 01.50 | | |
| . France | 26.00 | . Papua N G | 17.50 | | |
| . Gabonese | 82.00 | . Peru | 12.00 | | |
| . Gambia | 32.00 | . Philippines | 30.00 | | |
| . Georgia | 50.00 | . Poland | 48.00 | | |
| . Germany | 26.80 | . Portugal | 26.00 | | |
| . Ghana | 19.00 | . Qatar | 102.0 | | |
| . Greece | 27.00 | . Romania | 31.00 | | |
| . Guinea Republic of | 72.00 | . Russian | 25.00 | | |
| . Guyana | 04.50 | . Salvador | 32.00 | | |
| . Haiti | 01.50 | . Saudi Arabia | 53.33 | | |
| . Honduras | 16.00 | . Senegal | 15.00 | | |
| . Hong Kong | 19.16 | . Singapore | - | | |
| . Hungary | 40.00 | . Slovak | 19.00 | | |
| . Iceland | 24.00 | . Slovenia | 32.00 | | |
| . India | 03.00 | . South Africa | 43.86 | | |
| . Indonesia | 27.80 | . Spain | 40.00 | | |