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A TUTTI I TOUR OPERATORS, AGENZIE DI VIAGGIO ED ADDETTI DEL SETTORE

La presente è per comunicarVi un importante cambiamento riguardante la registrazione al viaggio per gli Stati Uniti: non sarà più possibile registrarsi con ESTA il giorno stesso del viaggio, dovrà essere inoltrata ALMENO 72 ore prima della partenza del volo per gli USA.

Si rimanda al seguente link: <https://it.usembassy.gov/it/visti/visa-waiver-program/esta/> e si ricorda il link ufficiale per registrarsi con ESTA: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

Rimango a disposizione per ogni ulteriore chiarimento.

Cordialmente,

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Reminder: CBP Reminds Travelers to Allow 72 hours for ESTA

As a reminder, consistent with existing requirements, international travelers using the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) for travel to the United States should apply as soon as possible but not less than 72 hours before their international flight is scheduled to depart. Due to changes in ESTA application processing, real-time approvals will no longer be available. Applicants who apply on the same day of their flight's departure risk not having an approved ESTA prior to their scheduled departure. International travelers without an approved ESTA will not be authorized to board their flight.

Recent enhancements to the ESTA process make querying application status much smoother. Upon successful submission, the applicant is provide an email containing their application number and a link taking them directly to the ESTA web page.



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ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION
Regardless of where your USA travels take you, make ESTA your first stop

FACT SHEET

All Visa Waiver Program (VWP) travelers are required to obtain a travel authorization via the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) prior to traveling to the U.S. under the VWP. ESTA is accessible online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> for citizens and eligible nationals of VWP countries. The VWP allows visitors from participating countries to travel to the U.S. for business or pleasure for 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. ESTA enhances the security of the VWP and has allowed the U.S. government to expand membership in the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ESTA

What is the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?

ESTA is an automated system used to determine the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the VWP.

Why is a travel authorization via ESTA required for VWP travelers?

U.S. legislation required the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to implement an electronic travel authorization system and other measures to enhance the security of the VWP. ESTA adds a layer of security that allows DHS to determine, in advance of travel, whether an individual is eligible to travel to the United States under the VWP and whether such travel poses a law enforcement or security risk.

Who needs to submit an ESTA application?

All nationals or citizens of VWP countries who plan to travel to the U.S. on a plane or cruise ship for temporary business or pleasure for 90 days or less under the VWP will need authorization via ESTA. There should be a reasonable amount of time between visits to confirm you are not living in the United States. If a traveler is planning to transit through the United States en route to another country, an authorization via ESTA is still required.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ESTA

How do I apply for authorization to travel to the U.S.?

To apply for ESTA authorization, please visit the official government website at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. Answer all required questions and submit your application for travel authorization.

Can I apply for a group of applicants at one time?

Yes. You can submit applications for a group of up to 50 individuals at one time.

What information does a traveler need to complete the travel authorization form?

Each application must contain, in English, biographical data including name, birth date and passport information. The applicant must also answer VWP eligibility questions regarding communicable diseases, arrests and convictions for certain crimes, past history of visa revocation or deportation and other questions. In a group application, each traveler is responsible for the truthfulness and accuracy of his or her own application. The traveler or applicant will also need credit card information to pay the associated application fees in order to complete the ESTA application.

Can someone else apply for me if I don't have access to the Internet?

Yes, a friend, relative, travel industry professional or another third party may file an application on your behalf. A third party may also pay the application fees on behalf of the traveler or a group of travelers. However, the traveler is responsible for the truthfulness and accuracy of all information submitted on his or her behalf.

How far in advance of my trip do I need to apply for travel authorization?

We recommend that travel authorization applications be submitted at the time travel plans are made or as early as possible, not later than 72 hours prior to travel. VWP travelers are not required to have specific plans to travel to the United States before they apply for an ESTA.

Will I be notified after I submit my application?

Once an individual or group application has been successfully submitted, an email including the application number or group number will be provided. Application status must be verified on the website.

What are the possible responses I may receive?

Authorization Approved: Travel authorized.
Travel Not Authorized: Traveler must obtain a nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate before traveling to the U.S.
Authorization Pending: Traveler will need to check the ESTA website for updates. It may take up to 72 hours to receive a final response.

What if an application in a group submission receives a "Pending" status? Will it delay the processing of the other applications in a group?

No. If there is a "Pending" response for one application in a group, it will not

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• The traveler changes his or her name;

For more information, visit www.cbp.gov/esta