

May 15, 2024

Greetings,

number of updates on the matter of ETA-IL:

- A. As of August 1st 2024, anyone travel to Israel must have a valid visa or ETA-IL approval before they start their journey to Israel.
- B. All visitors from visa-exempt countries can apply for traveling through the ETA-IL system. Those who are eligible will be able to travel to Israel, and stay for up to 90 days or less upon receipt of approval to enter.
- C. ETA-IL approval will remain valid for up to 2 years, or until your current passport expires – whichever comes first. This means that as long as you received an ETA-IL authorization to travel, you do not have to reapply during the validity period.
- D. If you obtain a new passport or change your name, gender or country of citizenship, you will be required to apply for a new travel authorization.
- E. An ETA - IL will costs NIS 25, although during the pilot phase the application will be free of charge.
- F. All eligible visitors of any age and passport (biometric and non-biometric), should apply for ETA-IL.
- G. Accredited diplomats will be exempted from applying through the ETA-IL system.
- H. In order to assist applicants, a service center will be available to those who encounter technical problems or other substantive issues.
This is the contact address for the service center – eta@piba.gov.il
- I. The system will open to apply for all nationalities on July 1st 2024, and a traveler will not be able to arrive whit out an ETA-IL approval as of August 1st 2024.
- J. The purpose of the pilot is to run the system and examine the process of submitting the application before the mandatory obligation to submit the application. During this period the request will be voluntary only for visitors who are interested in it from the countries participating in the pilot.

Annex No. 1

June 2, 2024

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Please see a number of updates and clarifications in continuation of the correspondence dated May 15, 2024 on the matter of ETA-IL:

- K. Diplomats who are on an official mission or assignment will be exempted from applying through the ETA-IL system (Diplomatic, Service & Official passports).
- L. A seafarer who holds a seaman's book, and arrives at a non-maritime border crossing to join a ship and holds a passport and citizenship of a visa-exempt country exempted from applying through the ETA-IL system.
- M. Air crew on a mission, which reported by the airline, will be exempted from applying through the ETA-IL system.
- N. An Israeli individual who wishes to use their foreign passport will only be exempted from applying through the ETA-IL system if their foreign passport is linked to their Israeli record or if they present their Israeli passport together with their foreign passport.
- O. For any further questions from airlines regarding ETA-IL approval verification or passenger boarding approval verification, please contact the API center.
- P. ETA-IL approvals will be checked against the API.
- Q. The State of Israel reserves the right to change its requirements regarding the obligation to complete the ETA form at any time.

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