



Border Force



Use the eGates for faster and secure entry to the UK

Millions more travellers can now use the eGates on arrival into the UK – can you?

The UK Government has expanded the use of eGates at airports to nationals of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and the United States of America.

The majority of nationals from these seven countries will be eligible to use the eGates and won't need to complete a landing card.

But there are exceptions including:

- those travellers with children under 12; or
- those travelling with a National Identity card; or
- those coming to the UK for short term study or certain types of work

Please read the eGate exceptions section on the back of this leaflet.

You can use the eGates if you are:

A citizen of:



or



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Your passport has this symbol

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You are 12+ (those aged 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult)

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You don't need a stamp in your passport

eGate exceptions

Some travellers shouldn't use the eGates due to the nature of their visit as they require a specific grant of leave to enter the UK which is given as a passport stamp by a Border Force officer on arrival.

Are you coming to the UK for short term study or certain types of work?

Please see an officer to get your passport stamped if you:

- Are a citizen of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea or the USA

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- Are coming for short-term study (for up to six months)

or

- Have a Tier 5 Sporting and Arts Certificate of Sponsorship

or

- Are due to carry out Permitted Paid Engagements

or

- Are a family member of an EEA national seeking to join them permanently in the UK.

Travellers with young children or National Identity cards

If you are travelling with children aged under 12 years or with your National Identity card please see an officer on your arrival.

What you should do on arrival

Please don't use the eGates and follow signs for 'See an officer' when you arrive at the airport.



You must see a Border Force officer to get your passport stamped so that you can carry out the activities you are coming to the UK to do.

Please don't leave the airport without your passport stamp.

Visiting the UK as a visitor or with a visa?

if you are coming to the UK as a visitor or with a visa as a citizen of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea or the USA - **you won't need a stamp and can use the eGates.**

Visit [gov.uk/border-force/fastertravel](https://www.gov.uk/border-force/fastertravel) for more details.

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