

FAQ

1. K-ETA(Korea Electronic Travel Authorization)

Q1. What is K-ETA?

A: K-ETA is an online electronic travel authorization that visa-free foreign visitors need to obtain before entering the Republic of Korea for the purpose of tour, visiting relatives, participating in events or meetings, or business (excluding profit-making activities)

Website: <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>

Q2. Who needs to apply for K-ETA?

A: K-ETA is for nationals of 66 visa waiver countries and nationals of 46 designated visa-free countries. K-ETA is required for foreign nationals who intend to enter the Republic of Korea for tourism, visiting relatives, participating in events or meetings and business purposes other than profitable activities.

Q3. When do I need to apply for the K-ETA?

A: You should apply for the K-ETA at least 72 hours prior to boarding the flight or ship bound for the Republic of Korea.

Q4. I am travelling with a delegate, can we apply for K-ETA together?

A: Yes. One applicant can apply for up to 30 people and can proceed with the K-ETA payment as well. The K-ETA results for each person will be sent to the applicant's e-mail. Each applicant can also check the K-ETA approval status with the application number and passport number on the K-ETA official website.

Q5. Where can I ask questions about K-ETA?

A: you can make inquiries online with 4 languages (Korean, English, Thai and Russian) through the K-ETA official website 'Ask Us'.

2. Visa

Q1. UNLP (United Nations Laissez-Passer) holders need to visa or K-ETA?

A: No, UNLP (United Nations Laissez-Passer) holders are exempted from the visa and K-ETA.

3. Q-code

Q1. What is the requirement for the time of "Negative PCR COVID-19 test" and issuance of results thereof?

A: Submit a negative PCR COVID-19 test result performed (the sample collected) and issued within 48 hours of the departure date, or supervised negative professional RAT result taken and issued within 24 hours of the departure date.

* (Example) If you are departing from a country to Korea on May 23 at 10:00, 2022, you must submit your negative PCR test result taken after 00:00 on May 21, 2022 or supervised negative RAT result taken after 00:00 on May 22, 2022.

Q2. What is the scope of method accepted for the "PCR Negative Certificate"?

A: PCR tests based on the nucleic acid amplification methods (e.g. NAATs, RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA, NEAR) or supervised Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are valid;

- All types of COVID-19 tests taken without medical supervision are not accepted.

Q3. I completed the entry to the Q-code system successfully and was issued a QR code. Do I have to bring the documents I entered when entering the country?

A: In case of incorrect information entry, loss of QR code, additional confirmation by the quarantine

officer, etc., the quarantine officer may require PCR Negative Certificate, Vaccination Certificate, etc. Thus, you should carry the documents upon entry. However, if you have completed entering quarantine information into the Q-code system and have received a QR code, you are not required to complete a separate health status questionnaire distributed on the aircraft.

Q4. Is it impossible to enter the country without using the Q-code system?

A: Since the Q-code system is a support program designed to provide rapid quarantine services to those entering Korea, immigration is conducted separately by immigration officials.

– However, for those who do not use the Q-code, it may take a lot of time for document inspection upon entry, so please enter the information in the Q-code system before boarding the plane and complete the issuance of the QR code for a quick quarantine investigation.