What is ETA?

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) is an automated system implemented to facilitate the travel process for eligible foreign travelers. The ETA serves as an electronic travel authorization document that allows travelers to enter the country for a specified period and purpose, typically for tourism, business, or transit.

The ETA process involves submitting an online application through the designated government website (link). Travelers are required to provide personal information, passport details, travel itinerary and other relevant details as part of the application. The information provided is then screened and verified by the authorities to determine the eligibility of the applicant.

Upon approval, the ETA is electronically linked to the traveler's passport. It serves as proof of authorization to enter the country and may need to be presented to immigration officials upon arrival. The ETA typically has a validity period and may allow multiple entries within that period, depending on the immigration regulations of Nepal.

Is the ETA mandatory to enter the country?

For countries eligible for *visa on arrival*, having an ETA is not mandatory. However, if a traveler possesses an ETA, the visa issuance process at the immigration desk will be expedited, providing a much-needed convenience to the traveler.

How can I get ETA?

A traveler can apply using the website:
https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/onlinevisa-mission/application
Select the desired Embassy/Consulate/ Mission to which you apply for an
ETA.
The traveler can apply for 15/30/90 days using the system.
The Embassy/Consulate/ Mission verifies the ETA application and the
traveler needs to pay for ETA.
The Embassy/Consulate/ Mission approves the ETA. Upon approval, the
ETA is electronically linked to the traveler's passport.
Printed ETA certificate is handed to the traveler

Is it a visa?

No, it is not a visa. It is an Electronic Travel Authorization that will be converted into a visa upon arrival at any airport or landport.

How is ETA converted into a visa?

Upon arrival, the traveler should present Passport at an immigration desk. The Passport will be scanned into a computer system. The computer system will verify the Passport information against its ETA data stored within it. Once the computer system recognizes the ETA, the corresponding visa will be generated.

What should be done, if the ETA document is lost?

The traveler also has the option to submit an electronic copy of the ETA at the immigration desk. Alternatively, they can submit the passport that was used for the ETA application.

What is the validity of ETA?

Validity of an ETA is up to 6 months from date of approval.

What should be done, if an ETA expires?

The traveler should apply for the next ETA, if it expires before arrival to a port of the country.