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Sri Lanka – Suspension of Mandatory Electronic Travel Authorisation Requirement for Visitors

The announcement issued on 13 October 2025—declaring that obtaining an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) would be mandatory for all short-stay visitors to Sri Lanka effective 15 October 2025—has been revoked, until further notice.^{1,2}

Also see [GMS Flash Alert 2025-192](#), discussing the now-revoked mandate.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This revocation is important for travellers because it reverses a policy change that had the potential to alter travel-readiness timelines and compliance procedures for short-term visits.

The decision to suspend the new requirement means that all ETA-related services and other visa issuance procedures will continue to operate as they did prior to 15 October 2025, without any change.^{1,2}

KPMG INSIGHTS

Travellers to Sri Lanka and other affected stakeholders should reach out to their usual global mobility professionals or immigration counsel or a member of the global immigration team with KPMG in Sri Lanka (see the Contacts section) with any questions or concerns.

KPMG in Sri Lanka will continue to monitor developments and endeavour to provide updates to readers of GMS Flash Alert.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See Sri Lanka Department of Immigration and Emigration Sri Lanka: [“General Information-IMPORTANT NOTICE.”](#)

2 Also see High Commission of Sri Lanka in India: [“Important Update on Sri Lanka ETA”](#) (29 October 2025).

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