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# **Entry to Korea**

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# I . Before you read this guide

- It is necessary to get a VISA OR K-ETA for entry to Korea.
- If you have a valid Korean VISA, you don't need to get a K-ETA.  
If you have a plan to get a VISA, you don't have to consider K-ETA.
  - For VISA, invitation letter may be required. After exhibitor badge registration via EOSS, please request the invitation letter to Seoul ADEX Office by e-mail.
- Even though you've visited Korea without a visa, for now, you need to have a VISA OR K-ETA.
  - Temporary suspension measures have been applied to the countries/regions that have a visa-waiver or visa-free entry program with the Republic of Korea as of April 13, 2020.

**AGAIN!!!! If you can enter to Korea with your VISA, you don't need to read it.**

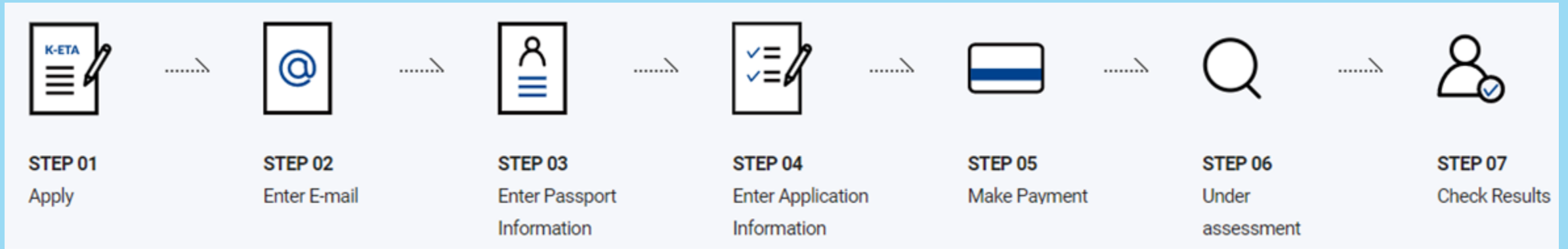
## II. About K-ETA

- 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.
- Nationals of 21 countries and regions can currently apply for K-ETA on the website.
- Nationals of 28 countries and regions can apply for K-ETA on the website from September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Priority Entry (Business) Persons** are those who intend to enter the Republic of Korea for important business purpose among the nationals of 63 visa-free entry suspended countries and whose application is submitted to the Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea via official letter by the department in charge in Korea.

## III. 21 Countries

- Albania, Andorra, Barbados, Dominica, Guam, Guyana, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovenia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela
- If you hold a passport from a country listed above which are eligible for K-ETA application, you must apply for the K-ETA by yourself.

# III. 21 Countries : Application Process



- Details in the guide – ‘K-ETA website User Guide’ (Attached on the email). In addition, there is detailed information, including how to apply the K-ETA and application fee on the website. Please check the link below.  
<https://www.k-eta.go.kr/portal/apply/index.do>
- The applicant can receive the results by e-mail within 24 hours after completing the K-ETA application.
- The validity period of K-ETA is 2 years from the date of approval. However, if the passport used for the K-ETA application expires in less than 2 years, that K-ETA approval will be valid until the passport expiration date.

# IV. 28 Countries

- Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
- 28 additional eligible countries for K-ETA was announced on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you hold a passport from a country listed above which are eligible for K-ETA application, like 21 countries, you must apply for the K-ETA by yourself from September 1<sup>st</sup>.

# IV. 28 Countries

- Before August 18<sup>th</sup>, K-ETA applicants from 28 countries should have requested to Seoul ADEX Office to get the official letter like 63 countries.  
For now, Seoul ADEX will try to get the official letter for your K-ETA before August 30<sup>th</sup>.  
However, I'd like to let you know the possible case that DAPA or Ministry of Justice may not approve your document and may encourage to apply K-ETA on the website individually because your arrival date would be set after September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Regarding this issue, we will check it with DAPA and Ministry of Justice and send the revised guide to our international exhibitors as soon as we can.**



# V. 63 Countries

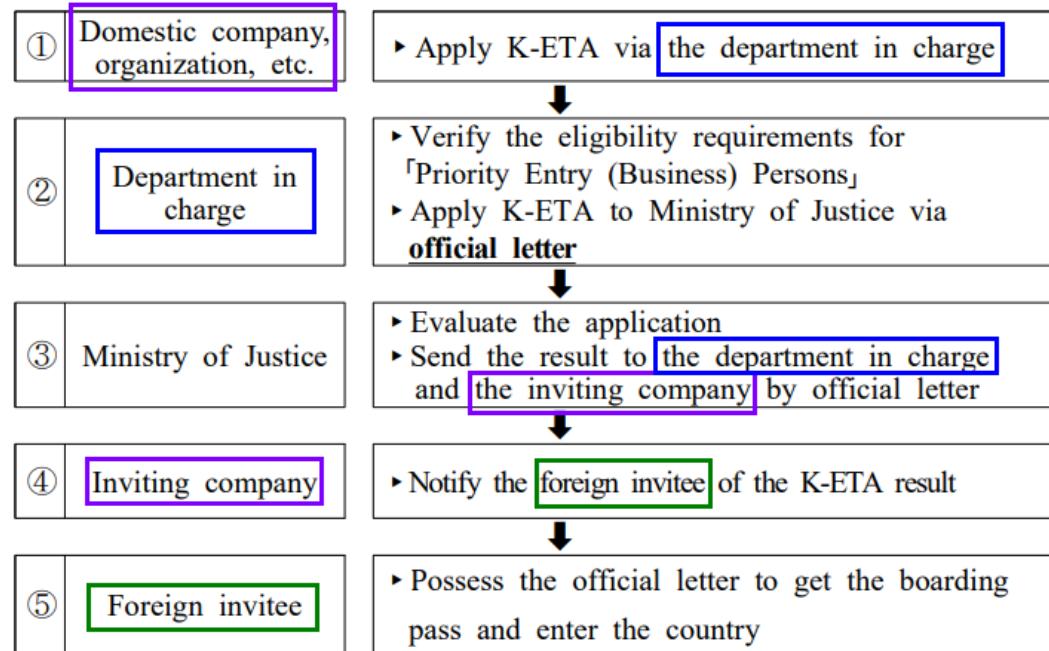
- Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Macau, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Russia, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Suriname, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay
- Please check “**K-ETA Application Guide for Priority Entry (Business) Persons**” (Attached on the email).
- If you get the K-ETA as a priority entry (business) person, it is for single entry. It cannot be used 2 times or more.

# V. 63 Countries : K-ETA Approval Process

= Seoul ADEX Office

= DAPA  = Int'l Exhibitors

## ① Application and Approval Procedures



## ③ Detailed information

- ① To apply for K-ETA, domestic company that wishes to invite foreigners should send company related documents (business registration certificate, etc.) and documents related to the foreign invitee (Applicant List (Attachment 2) and a copy of passport bio page) to the department in charge.
- ② The department in charge requests for K-ETA through **an official letter to the Ministry of Justice** after verifying the eligibility requirements of the inviting company and the foreign invitee.
- ③ **The Ministry of Justice** evaluates whether the foreign invitee is allowed to enter the country and **notifies the K-ETA application result to the department in charge and the inviting company**.  
 ※ The result is sent to the department in charge via official letter and to the inviting company via e-mail.
- ④ The inviting company **notifies the result of K-ETA application to the foreign invitee** and sends the Ministry of Justice's official letter.
- ⑤ Foreign invitee who has received K-ETA approval does not need to obtain a visa, but **must bring the official letter from the Ministry of Justice for ticket issuance and entry to the country**.

# V . 63 Countries : K-ETA Approval Process

- Seoul ADEX Office will send the collected document with the K-ETA application for priority entry (business) persons on every Friday 3 P.M. (KST) to DAPA.
- It takes 1 week to verify the eligibility requirements for Priority Entry (Business) Persons.
- Seoul ADEX Office will send the result of K-ETA application to exhibitors with the official letter.
- Exhibitors must bring the official letter for entry to Korea.



# VI. Things To Know

- Exhibitors from **63 countries** should send a K-ETA request email to Seoul ADEX Office **by August 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- If your K-ETA application was disapproved, you should visit a Korean Embassy (or Consulate) located in your jurisdiction and apply for an entry visa.
- Regardless of K-ETA and VISA, ALL travelers are required to present a NEGATIVE COVID-19 (PCR) test result.
- Again, this process is NOT THE SAME with the quarantine exemption application.
- If you have any questions, please contact us – [intlexhibitor@seouladex.com](mailto:intlexhibitor@seouladex.com)