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Visa Waiver Program's Registration Website is Working

Under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), foreign nationals from certain countries (including Australia, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany and Japan) may enter the U.S. without first applying for a visa. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a division of the Department of Homeland Security presiding over the processing of travel to the U.S., developed the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). This system screens foreign national passengers intending to travel to the U.S. under the VWP, BEFORE they begin travel to the United States. ESTA began accepting applications on 8/1/08. ESTA will become mandatory for VWP travelers on 1/12/09. The U.S. Government is currently considering comments from the public regarding the Regulation governing this program.

The website to apply for ESTA is https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/esta.html?_flowExecutionKey=_c48132D56-68C9-EB3B-B058-BEAABB7EA644_k593F0F61-1631-BDBE-A6C7-592F4B48F040

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