

# CWT info

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## **United States: New fee of 14\$ for visitors will apply from September 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 for ESTA authorization (Electronic System for Travel Authorization)**

Dear customers,

From September 8th, travelers will have to pay 14\$ to obtain the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), a compulsory authorization to enter the United States. This measure applies only to nationals from 36 countries (see list below) part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). This program enables travelers to stay in the US for 90 days or less without first obtaining a visa. Travelers are required to obtain the ESTA prior to departure. Once approved, the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) lasts a maximum of two years. This program was previously free of charge. The ESTA system currently accepts only the following credit/debit cards: MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover cards. The ESTA request can be done via following website: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>.

Visa Waiver Program participating countries (VWP): Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Malta, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Official news release available in one click: [ESTA News Releases](#).

For reasons of data protection, each traveler is responsible for his own registration via the ESTA website.

If you have any questions, please contact your CWT agency.

Yours sincerely

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