



## **SRI LANKA Visa Application Info (ETA)**

With effect from 01 January 2012 visa is required for entry into Sri Lanka. Application must be made through the ETA via [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk). Only the following are exempted:

Nationals of following countries who visit Sri Lanka for short visit up to 30 days are exempted from ETA,

1. The Republic of Singapore
2. The Republic of Maldives

Categories

1. Crew members of flight
2. Crew members of ship

The Visa fee would be USD 20 for all Foreign Nationals arriving in Sri Lanka,

Transit visa valid for stays of up to 48 hours is free provided the passenger has a valid return ticket, while children under 12 years will also not be charged. But the visa must still be applied through the ETA

The procedure for applying visa can be retrieved through [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk)

The Department of Immigration and Emigration did make the presentation on the new Visa system. The summaries the details below:

- The web site [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) has been launched. There will be a trial period of 3 months.
- The requirement of a visa (ETA) will become effective from 1st January 2012.
- The ETA for travel after 1st January 2012 can be obtained on line with immediate effect.
- ETA obtained on line is valid for travel within 30 days.
- No refunds will be made for unutilized ETA's.
- ETA holders will be issued 30days short visit visa at the port of entry.

ETA applications can be made:

- By the applicant, 3rd parties, Registered Agents, Sri Lanka Overseas Missions, On arrival at the Port of Entry or at the Head office of the Department of I & E.
- The applicant will be informed within 24 hours if his application has been accepted or rejected.

All ETA holders must fulfill the following requirements at the port of entry:

- A valid passport not less than 6 months
- A confirmed air ticket
- Sufficient funds for the stay

If ETA is to be obtained at the point of entry there will be a separate counter for same and payment will have to be made with a valid credit card or in specified foreign currency (Australian Dollar, Canadian Dollar, Chinese Yuan, Danish Kroner, Euro, Hong Kong Dollar, Japanese Yen, New Zealand Dollar, Norwegian Kroner, Pound Sterling, Singapore Dollar, Swedish Kroner, Swiss Franc and US\$)

**Note:**

- The Embassy has the right to request for any further document or call for interview or change their requirement immediately.
- Above information is just for guideline only, applicants are advised to log on existing Embassy official website or contact them for more information.
- Please note that all applicants' visa or entry to Sri Lanka is subject to the local embassy or authorities.