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## Press Release

### **New Fees for Citizens of Visa Waiver Countries Traveling to the United States**

U.S. Embassy Luxembourg announces that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has instituted new fees of \$14.00 to apply for an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) beginning September 8, 2010.

ESTA is an electronic travel authorization that all nationals of Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries must obtain prior to traveling by air or sea to the United States under the VWP.

ESTA applications may be submitted at any time prior to travel. Once approved, authorizations are generally valid for multiple entries into the U.S. for up to two years or until the applicant's passport expires or other circumstances give rise to a need to reapply. Travelers with an approved ESTA will not need to pay the ESTA fees when updating an ESTA application. However, travelers with new passports and re-applying for an ESTA will need to pay the ESTA fees.

Payment must be made by credit card or debit card when applying for or renewing an ESTA at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. The ESTA system currently accepts only the following credit/debit cards: MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover. Your application will not be submitted for processing until all payment information is received.

The VWP enables eligible nationals of 36 designated countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Additional information regarding the VWP is available at [http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/business\\_pleasure/vwp/vwp.xml](http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/business_pleasure/vwp/vwp.xml). For more information about ESTA, please visit [www.cbp.gov/ESTA](http://www.cbp.gov/ESTA).