

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below, find answers to some commonly asked questions about TSA Pre✓.



What is TSA Precheck?

- TSA Precheck allows pre-approved, low-risk travelers to go through expedited security screening at TSA airport checkpoints for domestic and outbound international travel.

How does TSA Precheck benefit travelers?

- An expedited TSA Precheck screening can cut security wait times in half, helping to create a hassle-free traveler experience. While others wait in standard security lines, TSA Precheck members enjoy access to designated TSA Precheck lanes at more than 150 airports nationwide. Members do not have to remove articles of clothing (shoes, belts, light jackets) at the security check point and can even keep their laptops and 3-1-1 liquids in their bags.

How much does it cost to apply for TSA Precheck?

- Applicants pay a non-refundable \$85 fee—that covers five full years of TSA Precheck membership. Credit card, money order, company check or certified/cashier's check are all accepted forms of payment.

How do I apply for TSA Precheck? What is the process like?

- Most applicants receive notification of approval in less than two weeks. To apply, applicants simply complete a TSA Precheck application online at tsa.gov or at an enrollment center. All candidates must schedule a visit to an enrollment center for a short interview and show proof of identity, citizenship and submit their fingerprints. Approved applicants will then receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN) by mail.

To apply for TSA Precheck, will I have to provide personal information to the TSA?

- Yes. You will need to provide some personal information when you fill out the TSA Precheck application. During the in-person interview, you will also be asked to answer a few basic personal questions and are expected to provide your current U.S. passport or a driver's license and birth certificate. TSA will collect your fingerprints at the enrollment center during your interview.

What is my Known Traveler Number and how do I use it?

- Once approved for TSA Precheck, you will receive a nine-digit Known Traveler Number (KTN), which you must enter into the 'known traveler number' field when booking travel reservations on any of the participating airlines. The KTN also can be added when booking reservations online with a participating airline, by phone with an airline reservation agent, or with the travel management company making your reservations. Additionally, the KTN can be entered in participating airline frequent flyer profiles, where it will be stored for future reservations.

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Can anyone become a member of TSA Precheck?

- The TSA Precheck program membership is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents.

How will I know if I have been cleared for TSA Precheck?

- Participating airlines will print a TSA Precheck indicator directly on the boarding pass. Travelers cleared for TSA Precheck will have information embedded in the barcode of their boarding pass. Once the boarding pass is scanned at the checkpoint, the TSA officer may refer you to the TSA Precheck lane.

I'm enrolled in a Trusted Traveler program and entered my KTN in my flight reservation but didn't get TSA Precheck. Is there a help desk?

- Yes, the TSA Contact Center is available to help you determine why you didn't get TSA Precheck. The TSA Contact Center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. EST, and weekends and holidays 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. EST. Please call 1-866-289-9673 or email tsa-contactcenter@tsa.dhs.gov for more information.

Can I use TSA Precheck when flying from a U.S. airport to a foreign country when flying on participating carriers?

- Yes. When flying on participating airlines, TSA Precheck is available for passengers traveling domestically within the United States and when departing from a U.S. airport to a location outside the country. Passengers may also be eligible for TSA Precheck when connecting to a domestic flight after arrival in the United States.

Learn more and apply for TSA Pre✓® at tsa.gov.