

# ETIAS - 9 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ETIAS BEFORE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE IN 2024 [probably mid 2024]

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The current understanding is that those UK citizens with biometric Cyprus residency will not need to apply for an ETIAS as their biometric residency will effectively be their 'ETIAS' for travel into Europe.

Those UK citizens who do not have a biometric Cyprus residency [i.e. they have a yellow A4 piece of paper] will need to obtain this by April 2026 as the yellow residency papers will not be valid after this date. Applications will be online. As it stands at the moment, the fee of €7 will not be payable by anyone aged 70+ or under age 18.

The UK ETA will be launched at an unknown date for Europeans to travel into the UK.

**Please read the paragraph in red, it's very important.**

There are three options I can give you to obtain your new MEU card:

1. Make an appointment at Immigration, stand in the queue, and waste a morning, all very exhausting.
2. One can use Gwennie Demetrius 99412925 in town, most of you now know where she is, & am not sure how much she will do for you, or charge.
3. Paphos Relocation, Peter Savvas makes life easy in obtaining the MEU card. Peter is a London Cypriot ex Met Police officer, after making an appointment he will tell you to take with you passport & Yellow slip, he makes the appointment at Immigration for you, two week before the date you take your passport to him, on the day of immigration appointment Peter stands in the queue at 7 30 am, advising you to sit in the café opposite, until he calls you across for your photos to be taken, immigration charge €30, you then wait for cards to be forwarded to you at a later date, this in my opinion makes life a lot easier for most of us. Peter Savvas charges €80 per person his number 99932095; he is on holiday from Sept 14 th to Oct 2nd.

Directions to Peter Savvas at Paphos Relocation Head to Peyia at the first petrol station on your right you will see a wedding hall on your left called Ampelones Hall, turn into the car park, drive through to the end & you will see a white single story building on your right, this is where Paphos Relocation is, it is marked on right hand wall, on the door it will have a lady Solicitors name.

Although we are told this procedure does not need to be done till 2026, the British Commissioner said August 2024, the decision is yours.

I hope this has been helpful to you.

Regards

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