



From 1 October 2021, most EU, EEA and Swiss citizens can only travel to the UK using a valid passport. Therefore an EU, EEA or Swiss ID card will no longer be accepted for travel to the UK.

However, exempt from this change will be those who:

- have received settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)
- have made a valid application to the EUSS but have not yet received a decision on their application
- have an EU Settlement Scheme family permit
- are a S2 Healthcare Visitor
- have a frontier worker permit
- are Swiss nationals and have a Swiss Service Provider from Switzerland visa
- have equivalent immigration permission granted by the Crown Dependencies or a valid pending application to one of the Crown Dependencies' EU Settlement Schemes

The above will be able to use their national identity cards to enter the UK until 31 December 2025 at least.

(This change will also not apply to Gibraltar ID cards issued to British citizens or to passport cards issued to Irish citizens, which will continue to be accepted for travel to the UK).

Carriers **are not** required to establish work, study or settlement intentions and **will not** need to request evidence of digital entry clearance or settled status for EU, EEA or Swiss nationals to establish eligibility for carriage.

While carriers liability charges will not be imposed where they bring a passenger to the UK on an EU, EEA or Swiss national ID card where they are not entitled to use one, this will change in future once technological systems are in place that allow carriers to check whether people have the right to travel on an ID card or not.

In the meantime, carriers' liability charges may apply in the following instances:

- **where travel documentation is not genuine**
- **where travel documentation is not in the possession of the rightful holder**
- **where the travel documentation has expired**

Visa-nationals will continue to need to present a visa, entry clearance or Biometric Residence Card/Permit to evidence their eligibility for carriage to the United Kingdom.

Whilst carriers will not be liable for non-visa nationals refused upon entry for not holding the required work, study or settlement status, responsibility for any associated removal arrangements for those refused at the border remain unchanged.



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CA 36 2021: European Economic Area (EEA) Passport Guidance

Summary

Counterfeit EEA passports detection points are detailed below. There are widespread counterfeits in circulation. Indicators may also include: late booking, booking made by a person other than the passenger, no hold luggage.

Main text

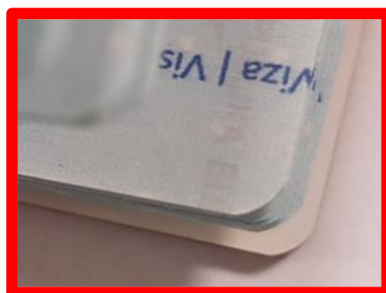
The golden design, on the front cover of any **genuine** EEA passport, will be high quality: clearly defined, detailed and central on the cover. In the **counterfeits**, it is poorly produced. The colour of the passport may also differ from the standard burgundy colour as seen in the examples below.



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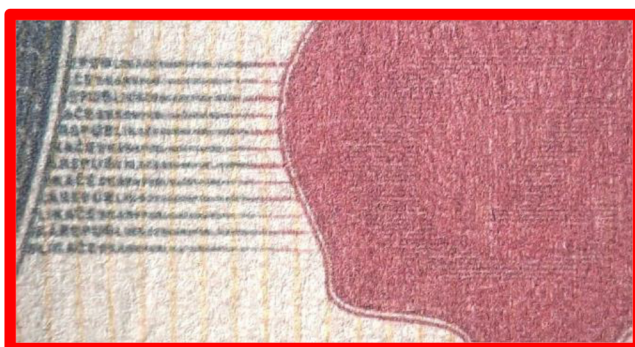
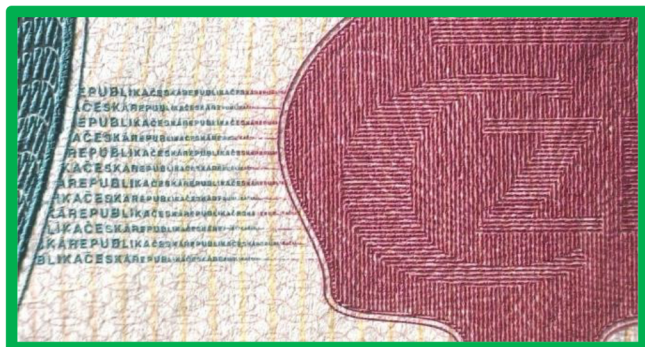


Check for hand cut corners, especially noticeable at the bottom of the bio data page & front cover. The corners should look and feel smooth and rounded.



Check the pages for watermarks.

Counterfeit pages have no watermark or false designs are used which appear as repeating crescent moons or "S" or chain links (as shown in the examples, right).



The inside cover of any genuine EEA passport will contain intaglio print which often appears as a highly detailed, patterned design. Intaglio ink will feel raised to the touch (above left). The counterfeit (right) is less detailed and may lack the characteristic rough feel expected of intaglio.

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