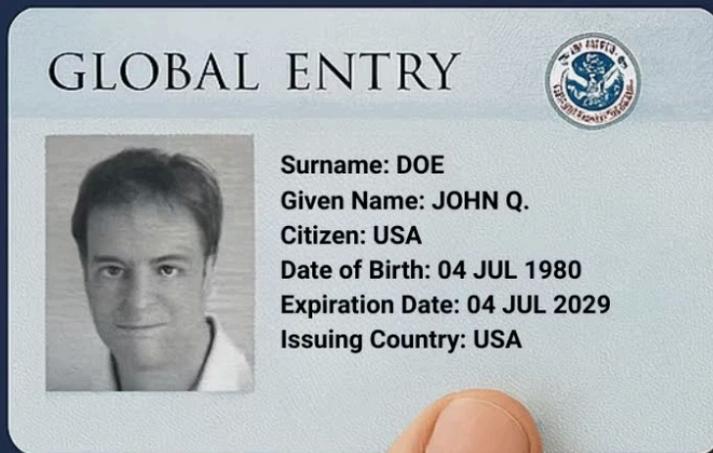


GLOBAL ENTRY 2025

The Complete Guide to Faster
International Travel

Fast-Track Your Application



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Global Entry: Your Complete Guide for 2025

Transform your international travel experience with expedited U.S. customs processing. This comprehensive guide shows you exactly how to get Global Entry while avoiding common mistakes and maximizing your benefits.

Key Statistics

\$120

Application fee

minors under 18 free with
enrolled parent

12.7M

Current members

Global Entry members

5

Years duration

Membership with automatic TSA
PreCheck benefits



Understanding Global Entry

What Is Global Entry?

Global Entry is a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) program that expedites clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travelers upon arrival in the United States. Members use automated kiosks to complete their customs processing in seconds rather than waiting in traditional lines.

How Global Entry Differs from TSA PreCheck

Feature	Global Entry	TSA PreCheck Only
Scope	International arrivals + domestic security	Domestic security only
Application Fee	\$120 for 5 years	\$78-\$85 for 5 years
Benefits Included	TSA PreCheck + customs expediting	Security screening only
Interview Required	Yes (in-person)	Yes (in-person)
Processing Locations	62 U.S. airports + 16 international	290+ U.S. airports
Primary Use	Returning to U.S. from abroad	Departing on domestic flights

Core Benefits

Skip customs lines
when returning to the U.S.

Automatic TSA PreCheck benefits
for domestic flights

Expedited processing
at land and sea borders

Mobile app integration
for faster arrivals

Works at 62 U.S. airports
and 16 international preclearance locations

Eligibility Requirements & Disqualifiers

Who Can Apply

- U.S. citizens, nationals, and lawful permanent residents
- Must pass extensive background check
- Valid passport required
(recommended to remain valid throughout 5-year membership)
- No disqualifying factors in criminal or immigration history

Complete List of Disqualifying Factors

Disqualifier Category	Specific Examples
Criminal History	Any conviction, pending charges, outstanding warrants (including DUI)
Application Issues	Providing false or incomplete information
Customs/Immigration	Violations of customs, immigration, or agriculture laws in any country
Legal Status	Subject to ongoing investigation by any law enforcement agency
Firearm Related	Previous denial for firearm purchase
Immigration Status	Inadmissible to U.S. under immigration regulations
Risk Assessment	Inability to satisfy CBP of low-risk status
Pardons	Having received criminal pardon from any country

Important Note

- Even minor infractions can disqualify applicants.** Be completely honest on your application as false information results in permanent denial.

Step-by-Step Application Process

Phase 1: Online Application (15-20 minutes)

01

Visit the Official Portal

- Go to ttp.dhs.gov (Trusted Traveler Programs)
- Create account or log in with existing credentials
- Select "Global Entry" application

02

Complete Application Information

- Personal details (legal name, date of birth, citizenship)
- **5 years of employment history** (use "unemployed" for gaps)
- **5 years of address history** (complete addresses required)
- **Travel history:** All countries visited in past 5 years (except Canada/Mexico)
- Criminal history disclosure (be completely honest)

03

Pay Application Fee

- **\$120 non-refundable fee** (credit card or electronic bank transfer)
- **Minors under 18:** Free when parent/guardian is enrolled (effective Oct 1, 2024)

Phase 2: Conditional Approval (Timeline Varies)

Processing Times:



Most applications

Reviewed within 2 weeks



Standard processing

4-6 months average



Manual review cases

12-24 months



Factors causing delays

Criminal history, extensive travel, incomplete information

Step-by-Step Application Process (Continued)

Phase 3: Interview Scheduling & Completion

Interview Options:

Enrollment Center	Traditional appointment at CBP office	Predictable scheduling
Enrollment on Arrival (EoA)	Interview upon international arrival	Frequent international travelers
Enrollment on Departure (EoD)	Interview before departing flight	Convenient timing with travel
Enrollment on Embarkation (EoE)	Interview before cruise departure	Cruise passengers

Important Timeline

730 days (2 years) from conditional approval to complete interview

Most interviews take **10-15 minutes**

Immediate approval typical for most applicants

Required Interview Documents

Essential Documents Checklist

- **Valid passport**
(primary identification)
- **Second form of ID**
(driver's license or state ID)
- **Proof of residency**
(for adults): utility bill, mortgage statement, rental agreement
- **All passports used for travel**
(if you have multiple)
- **Permanent resident card**
(I-551) if you're a lawful permanent resident

Interview Process



Document verification

(5 minutes)

Fingerprint collection

(2 minutes)

Brief interview questions

(5-8 minutes):

- Reasons for applying
- Travel history discussion
- Application clarifications

Decision

(usually immediate approval)

Using Your Global Entry Benefits

International Arrivals Process

01	02	03	04
Locate Global Entry kiosks (before customs area)	Scan your passport at the kiosk	Complete fingerprint scan	Answer customs declaration questions on touchscreen
05	06		
Take receipt to customs officer	Exit quickly through expedited lane		

Enhanced Mobile Experience

- **Download Global Entry mobile app**
(iOS/Android)
- **Pre-validate arrival**
before entering customs area
- **Faster processing**
through mobile integration

TSA PreCheck Benefits Integration

Critical Steps for Domestic Flights:

- **Add KTN to every reservation manually**
benefits don't appear automatically
- **Update airline frequent flyer profiles**
with your KTN
- **Verify PreCheck indicator**
appears on boarding pass before traveling
- **KTN available within 24-48 hours**
after interview approval

Using Your Global Entry Benefits (Continued)

Land and Sea Border Usage

Air travel

Passport only (Global Entry card not required)

Land/sea travel

Global Entry card + passport for trusted traveler lanes

Works at all major border crossings with Mexico and Canada through SENTRI and NEXUS lane access.

Costs, Fees & Reimbursements

Fee Structure

Application fee \$120 (non-refundable)	Minors under 18 Free when parent/guardian enrolled (effective Oct 1, 2024)
Membership duration 5 years	Cost per year \$24 annually

Credit Card Reimbursements

Many premium credit cards reimburse Global Entry fees:

Credit Card	Reimbursement	Frequency
Chase Sapphire Reserve®	Up to \$120	Every 4 years
Capital One Venture X	Up to \$120	Every 4 years
The Platinum Card® from American Express	Up to \$120	Every 4 years
United Quest SM Card	Up to \$120	Every 4 years
Delta SkyMiles® Reserve	Up to \$120	Every 4.5 years

Check your specific card's terms as policies may vary

Military Benefits Clarification

- **TSA PreCheck:** Free for active duty military and DOD civilians
- **Global Entry:** Generally requires \$120 fee for military members
- **Only exception:** Minor fee waiver when parent is enrolled

Geographic Coverage

U.S. Airports with Global Entry Kiosks

62 U.S. airports currently offer Global Entry processing (as of July 2025)

Major locations include:

- All primary international hubs (JFK, LAX, ORD, DFW, etc.)
- Secondary international airports
- Growing network of regional airports

International Preclearance Locations

16 international airports offer U.S. preclearance with Global Entry:

Country	Airports
Canada	Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg
Ireland	Dublin, Shannon
Bahamas	Nassau
Bermuda	L.F. Wade International
Aruba	Queen Beatrix International
UAE	Abu Dhabi

Cruise Terminals

Enrollment on Embarkation (EoE) available at:

Miami Seaport

Baltimore Seaport

Norfolk Seaport

Cyril E. King Airport
(St. Thomas)

Common Mistakes & How to Avoid Them

Application Phase Mistakes

Incomplete information

Provide all requested details fully

Dishonesty about history

Always disclose arrests, citations, legal issues

Wrong documentation

Use only original or certified copies

Applying with pending issues

Resolve all legal matters first

Interview Phase Mistakes

Missing deadline

Complete within 730 days of conditional approval

Wrong documents

Bring all required identification and proof of residency

Unprepared responses

Review your application before the interview

Multiple passport oversight

Bring all passports used for travel

Usage Phase Mistakes

Forgetting KTN entry

Must manually add to every flight reservation

Wrong card usage

Global Entry card not needed for air travel

Expired passport

Keep passport current throughout membership

Missing updates

Notify CBP of address/employment changes

Renewal Process

Apply Early

Submit your renewal application **1 year before expiration** for optimal processing.

Extended Coverage

Benefits may **continue up to 24 months** past expiration if renewed before the deadline.

Interview Waived

Most renewals do **not require an interview**, streamlining your experience.

Streamlined Process

Existing members enjoy a quick and easy renewal journey.

Uninterrupted Travel

Continue to receive benefits while your renewal is being processed.

Consistent Pricing

Maintain the **same fee structure** (\$120 for 5 years) for your renewal.



Important Limitations & Expectations

What Global Entry Does NOT Do

Foreign country security

No help with screening abroad

Guaranteed passage

May still be selected for additional examination

Visa replacement

Still need appropriate travel documentation

Automatic benefits

Must manually add KTN to flight reservations

Setting Realistic Expectations

→ **Processing times vary significantly**

based on individual circumstances

→ **Interview availability**

may be limited in some areas

→ **Benefits are facilitation, not guarantees**

of expedited processing

→ **Maintenance required**

Keep information current throughout membership

Alternative Programs & Related Benefits

NEXUS (Canada-U.S. Border)



Lower cost

\$50 for 5 years



Includes Global Entry benefits

for air travel



Enhanced land border benefits

with Canada



Both countries' interviews required

SENTRI (Mexico-U.S. Border)

- Focus on Mexico border crossings
- Includes Global Entry benefits
- Enhanced vehicle inspection processes

CLEAR Integration

- Separate program for airport security
- Can combine with Global Entry for maximum benefits
- Identity verification technology

Troubleshooting & Support

Common Issues & Solutions



Problem: KTN not appearing on boarding pass

Solution: Verify KTN added to reservation, contact airline if needed



Problem: Global Entry kiosk not recognizing passport

Solution: Ensure passport is clean, properly oriented, and registered in system



Problem: Application denied

Solution: Review denial reason, address issues, consider appeal if appropriate



Problem: Interview appointment not available

Solution: Consider alternative locations, EoA/EoD options, check frequently for cancellations

Official Support Contacts

Primary Support:

CBP Global Entry Help

Available through ttp.dhs.gov

**Trusted Traveler
Programs**

1-866-530-4172

TTY

1-866-880-6582

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM ET

Quick Action Checklist

Before Applying

- Verify eligibility (U.S. citizen/national/permanent resident)
- Ensure clean criminal/immigration history
- Gather 5 years employment/address history
- Collect international travel information (past 5 years)
- Obtain valid passport (good for 5+ years recommended)

During Application

- Complete online application at tpp.dhs.gov
- Pay \$120 fee online (free for eligible minors)
- Submit complete, honest information
- Save application confirmation number

After Conditional Approval

- Schedule interview within 730 days
- Gather required documents (passport, ID, proof of residency)
- Prepare for interview questions about application/travel
- Consider alternative interview options (EoA/EoD/EoE)

After Approval

- Add KTN to all airline frequent flyer profiles
- Verify TSA PreCheck appears on boarding passes
- Download Global Entry mobile app
- Keep passport and contact information current

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use Global Entry immediately after approval?

A: KTN for TSA PreCheck is available within 24-48 hours. Global Entry card arrives in 2-4 weeks, but you can use kiosks with just your passport.

Q: What if my passport expires during membership?

A: Update your passport information through your TTP account when you get a new passport. Bring all passports to your interview.

Q: Can I apply if I have a DUI conviction?

A: DUI convictions are typically disqualifying factors. Each case is reviewed individually, but approval is unlikely.

Q: Do children need their own Global Entry membership?

A: Yes, but minors under 18 pay no fee when a parent/guardian is enrolled (effective Oct 1, 2024).

Q: Can I use Global Entry if I have TSA PreCheck?

A: Global Entry includes TSA PreCheck benefits, so you'd have both programs with one membership.

Final Reminders



Be completely honest
on your application



Apply early
due to variable processing
times



**Keep documents
current**
throughout membership



Add KTN manually
to every flight reservation



Consider renewal
one year before expiration

Ready to transform your international travel experience? Visit ttp.dhs.gov to start your Global Entry application today.

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