



Global Entry and TSA PreCheck: Benefits, Costs & Eligibility

Global Entry and TSA PreCheck are two popular U.S. Trusted Traveler programs designed to make airport travel faster and more convenient. While both programs involve background checks and security screening, they serve different purposes. TSA PreCheck focuses mainly on expedited security screening before flights, while Global Entry helps eligible travelers receive expedited processing when entering the United States after international travel. Global Entry members also receive TSA PreCheck benefits.

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What Is TSA PreCheck?

TSA PreCheck is a program operated by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). It provides eligible, low-risk travelers with expedited security screening at participating U.S. airport checkpoints.

With TSA PreCheck, travelers generally use a dedicated screening lane and may have a simpler screening process. The program is especially useful for people who fly frequently within the United States.

The goal is to make airport security more efficient while maintaining TSA's security standards.

What Is TSA PreCheck?

Global Entry is operated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). It is designed for pre-approved, low-risk travelers who frequently enter the United States after international trips.

Members can use Global Entry processing technology at participating airports to complete expedited entry procedures. CBP has also introduced biometric and facial-comparison technology to improve the arrival experience.

One major advantage is that **Global Entry members are eligible for TSA PreCheck benefits**, making Global Entry particularly attractive to frequent international travelers.



TSA PreCheck Benefits

TSA PreCheck can provide several benefits for eligible travelers:

*Expedited security screening
at participating airports*

*Access to dedicated TSA
PreCheck lanes*

*A more convenient airport
security experience*

*Less time spent in standard
security lines*

*Useful for frequent domestic
and international flyers*

*TSA PreCheck benefits can be
used when flying with
participating airlines*

Travelers should remember that TSA PreCheck does not guarantee access to the expedited lane at every airport or on every trip. Operational conditions can vary.

Global Entry Benefits

Global Entry offers benefits for travelers who frequently return to the United States from international destinations.

Key benefits include:

- Expedited U.S. entry processing
- Membership generally lasts five years
- TSA PreCheck eligibility
- Potentially faster processing after international flights
- Benefits at participating U.S. airports and certain international arrangements
- Access to Global Entry processing technology at participating airports

Global Entry can be especially valuable for travelers who take several international trips each year.

TSA PreCheck Eligibility

TSA PreCheck eligibility is primarily available to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and lawful permanent residents who meet the program's requirements and successfully complete the required security threat assessment.

Applicants must provide personal information and complete the enrollment process. Certain criminal offenses, security concerns, or other disqualifying factors can affect eligibility.

Applicants should always review the current requirements through the official TSA enrollment information before applying.

Global Entry Eligibility

Global Entry eligibility is broader than just U.S. citizenship. U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. lawful permanent residents can apply, along with citizens of certain countries that have qualifying arrangements with CBP.

Applicants must be considered low-risk and successfully complete CBP's vetting process. Factors such as criminal history, immigration violations, or inaccurate information may affect an application.

Children can also enroll, but applicants under 18 require parental or legal guardian consent and participation in the interview process.



TSA PreCheck Cost

The TSA PreCheck application fee can vary depending on the enrollment provider and current TSA fee structure. TSA reviews its program fees periodically, so travelers should check the official TSA website for the latest amount before submitting an application.

Membership is generally valid for up to five years, subject to continued eligibility. Applicants who want to maintain their benefits must complete the renewal process when their membership approaches expiration.

Because fees can change, avoid relying on outdated travel blogs or old social media posts when budgeting for enrollment.

Global Entry Cost

The current Global Entry application fee is **\$120 for a five-year membership** under the current CBP fee structure. Certain applicants under 18 can qualify for a fee exemption when the required parent or legal guardian information is provided.

The Global Entry application fee is non-refundable, meaning applicants generally do not receive the fee back if their application is denied.

Because the fee and eligibility rules can change, travelers should verify the current information through the official CBP Trusted Traveler Programs website before applying.

