Fees:
Participation in EasyPASS-RTP is free of charge.

Personal eligibility for participation in EasyPASS-RTP
Since EasyPASS-RTP is an automated procedure, high public security requirements must be met. Therefore, travellers need to be particularly trustworthy to be eligible for participation.

FAQs

How do I identify an electronic passport?
You can easily identify the ePassport by the following symbol:

Are entry and departure data also stored with EasyPASS?
No. All data produced during the control process are deleted immediately after it is completed

Why and where will my passport be stamped?
As a third-country national you will always be led to a border guard to check – in line with the Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)[5] – whether you meet the requirements for your entry to the Schengen area[6] and to stamp your passport upon entry to and departure from the Schengen area.
RTs have to move forward to the monitoring booth, which is located directly behind the EasyPASS lanes.

Are there any health risks?
No. Recording the live image is equivalent to taking a photo with a digital camera and is completely harmless.

[1] Such agreements currently exist with the United States of America and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Peoples Republic of China. Other third countries may follow.
[2] The location, opening hours and contact details of all enrolment centers can be found on our website at www.easypass.eu.
[3] To avoid that you have to re-enrol with a new travel document, your travel document should be valid for at least another 6 months. Moreover, Schengen countries will refuse entry to travellers whose documents are not valid for a sufficient period of time.
[4] In accordance with German law (§§ 4a, 19 Federal Data Protection Act)
[5] Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)
[6] According to Art. 5 I in conjunction with Art. 7 Schengen Borders Code

EASY PASS

EasyPASS-RTP

Easy, automated border control for registered third-country nationals

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What is EasyPASS-RTP?

With EasyPASS-RTP you can easily complete the border control on your own. Just scan your electronic travel document, glance at the camera – and you're through border control. The automated border control system has many advantages: it is very secure, easy to operate and speeds up border crossings. The new system does not replace manual border checks but is an additional service. So from now on you will find additional lanes (eGates) for EasyPASS-RTP users at airports that handle the highest volumes of passengers.

This procedure may be very useful for frequent travellers as a simple, quick and convenient alternative to traditional border controls, since these border checks are largely automated.

Who can use EasyPASS?

Holders of electronic passports (ePassports) from countries that signed a mutual agreement to use automated border control procedures[1] are now eligible to use EasyPASS-RTP to enter and leave the Schengen area – provided that they are at least 18 years old and registered with the Federal Police.

Where do I find [EASY PASS] ?

Any registered traveller who crosses the external borders of the Schengen area can use the eGates in the arrival and departure areas of the airports displayed on the map below.

How does EasyPASS-RTP work?

Registration

To participate in EasyPASS-RTP, you should visit an enrolment centre at a German airport using EasyPASS[2]. There, you will be informed about the enrolment procedure and our data protection policy. You will then be asked to sign a form to confirm your voluntary participation in EasyPASS-RTP and consent to the storage of your personal data. Afterwards the Federal Police will check whether you meet the participation requirements by means of a questionnaire.

Following this procedure, we will check the validity[3] and authenticity of your travel document and whether there are any security issues that prohibit your participation in a RTP. In order to achieve this, we will check your data against the available police information systems.

Provided that there are no objections for security reasons, your personal data will be stored in the EasyPASS-RTP database of the Federal Police.

If you complete the procedure successfully, you will be able to use EasyPASS-RTP instantly and for the remaining validity of your ePassport. You will receive confirmation of the recorded data and the purpose of its use[4].

eGate-use

At the airports participating in EasyPASS you will find the following symbol directing you towards the automated border control system. Place your passport on the document reader with the data page face down (1). After your passport has been recognized, the door to the lane will open.

In the lane, look directly at the camera located above the monitor in the exit door (2). The system then compares the passport photo to your live image.

After successful face recognition, registered travellers (RTs) from outside the EU will see a special symbol (3) and have to wait until a border guard opens the exit door.

RTs have to move forward to the monitoring booth, which is located directly behind the EasyPASS gate.

An officer will then check the additional entry requirements and stamp the passport.

After that procedure the border check is completed.

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