E-tickets

n e-ticket is a reservation in an airline's computer system, one that advises them that the customer has a ticketed seat confirmed on a particular flight. When a customer is issued an e-ticket, there's also an e-ticket receipt that's printed out afterwards. The e-ticket receipt looks similar to an old-style paper ticket but doesn't need to be presented at the check-in counter on the day of the flight, it only serves as proof that the ticket was issued.



To check in with an e-ticket, the tourist needs only to provide a valid passport or government issued ID so the agent can pull up his record in their system. The check-in agent then provides him with a boarding pass to take to the gate. It is recommended, however, to keep the e-ticket receipt throughout the trip as it serves as proof of the reservation in the event of a computer problem.

Travelling with e-tickets gives customers the added benefit of not having to have valuable paper tickets with them during their travels, thereby avoiding the risk of theft, damage or loss.

Southwest Airlines is credited with offering the world's first e-ticket in 1994. A 2007 survey by IATA (the International Air Transport Association) said that 97% of all tickets worldwide are now issued as e-tickets. Environmentally speaking, IATA estimates that e-tickets save an equivalent of 50,000 trees per year by eliminating the need for the paper used to print them. Airlines still offer paper ticket options but usually charge steep fees for them, upwards to \$50 for the service.



Paper tickets still exist! There are airlines in the world, albeit not many, that still issue paper tickets for their flights, mainly because updating their outdated ticketing system would not provide any savings over leaving it as it is. Airlines still using paper-only ticketing systems are generally smaller operators and/or low-cost local carriers. Paper tickets sometimes, but

rarely, need to be used when combining more than one airline on the same ticket. This is becoming increasingly unlikely, but there are occasions when the best fare does require a paper ticket.

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- 5. place and date of issue:
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2 Imagine you are Mr Sonigo secretary. Look at your boss's e-ticket and write down a short reminder for him to recap all the information about the flight.

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3 Work with a partner. Look at these e-tickets.

Ask and answer questions about destinations, passenger names, class of travel, cost, e-ticket number and so on.

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All passengers required to pay the Philippine Travel Tax MUST proceed to the TIEZA counter at the airport before checking-in.



4 Translate.

- 1. Can you please explain how to obtain my e-ticket?
- 2. In the past you would have received a paper ticket, now you can print your own e-ticket yourself.
- 3. An e-ticket allows you to get quickly and easily on board.
- 4. No worries about your ticket being lost or stolen as the e-ticket is stored in the airlines database.
- 5. Where can I see my reservation number?
- 6. The e-ticket shows your seat is 14B. Refreshments on board are not included.