



## **TSA PreCheck vs Global Entry: Benefits, Costs & Eligibility**

TSA PreCheck is a Transportation Security Administration program designed to provide eligible travelers with expedited security screening at participating U.S. airports.

With TSA PreCheck, travelers may use dedicated screening lanes and generally do not need to remove certain items such as shoes, belts, light jackets, laptops, and compliant liquids from their carry-on bags, subject to TSA procedures and airport operations.

The program is primarily focused on departure security screening within the United States.

TSA states that eligibility involves a security threat assessment and that standard enrollment is valid for up to five years. [Transportation Security Administration](#)

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# What Is Global Entry?

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Global Entry is a U.S. Customs and Border Protection program designed for pre-approved, low-risk travelers entering the United States after international travel.

Members can use Global Entry processing at participating airports and may receive expedited processing through customs and immigration procedures. Global Entry is therefore particularly relevant to travelers who frequently return to the United States from international destinations.

Applicants must undergo an application and vetting process. CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs handbook states that applicants use the TTP website and login.gov to apply, submit fees, and receive application decisions. **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

# TSA PreCheck vs Global Entry — Main Difference

The central difference in tsa precheck vs global entry is where the programs provide expedited processing.

## TSA PreCheck focuses on:

- Airport security screening
- Departures from participating U.S. airports
- Dedicated PreCheck lanes
- Simplified security procedures

## Global Entry focuses on:

- Entry into the United States after international travel
- Customs and immigration processing
- Participating U.S. airports and border locations
- Expedited processing for approved members

*Global Entry is administered by CBP, while TSA PreCheck is administered by TSA.*



# TSA PreCheck Benefits

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TSA PreCheck can make the airport security process more convenient for eligible travelers.

## Major benefits include:

- Access to TSA PreCheck lanes at participating locations
- Keeping light jackets on
- Generally keeping shoes on during screening
- Generally keeping belts on
- Keeping laptops in bags under standard PreCheck procedures
- Keeping compliant travel-size liquids in carry-on bags
- Potentially shorter or more streamlined security screening

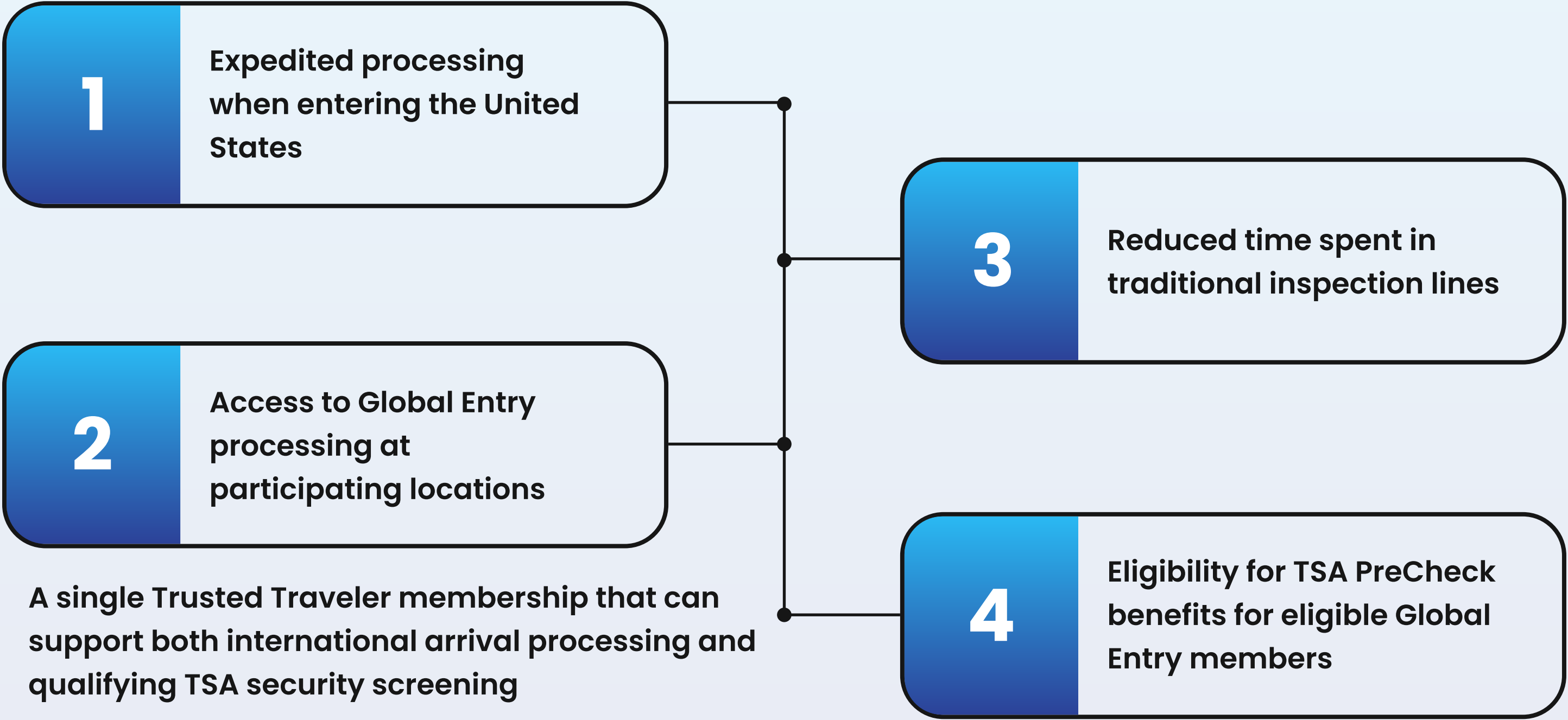
Procedures can vary by airport and security circumstances, so travelers should always follow instructions from TSA officers.

*TSA also offers technologies such as Touchless ID at participating locations for eligible travelers who meet the applicable requirements. **Transportation Security Administration***

# Global Entry Benefits

Global Entry is especially relevant to travelers who regularly take international trips.

Potential benefits include:



A single Trusted Traveler membership that can support both international arrival processing and qualifying TSA security screening

Global Entry can therefore provide benefits at more than one stage of an international trip.

# TSA PreCheck Cost

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The TSA PreCheck application program has an enrollment fee, and the applicable fee can depend on the enrollment provider and current TSA fee structure.

TSA explains that the application program's eligibility and underlying security threat assessment are valid for a maximum of five years, unless eligibility ends earlier. Applicants can renew at the conclusion of the enrollment period by submitting the required application and fee. [Transportation Security Administration](#)

Because fees can change, applicants should verify the current amount directly through TSA before applying.



# Global Entry Cost

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According to the current CBP Trusted Traveler Programs handbook, the Global Entry application fee is **\$100** and is non-refundable. The handbook also notes that eligible SENTRI and NEXUS participants can receive Global Entry benefits without an additional Global Entry application fee. **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

Applicants should remember that paying the application fee does not guarantee approval. Global Entry requires an application, vetting, and approval process. The fee structure and program rules should always be checked through official CBP resources before submitting an application.

# TSA PreCheck Eligibility

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TSA PreCheck eligibility is based on TSA's application requirements and security threat assessment.

The program is generally available to qualifying:



**U.S. citizens**



**U.S. nationals**



**Lawful permanent residents**

Applicants must provide required identifying information and successfully complete the applicable background and security assessment.

Certain criminal offenses, security concerns, or other disqualifying factors can affect eligibility. Applicants should review the official TSA eligibility requirements before beginning the application process.

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# Global Entry Eligibility

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Global Entry applicants must satisfy CBP eligibility requirements and complete the required vetting process.

## The application involves:

Completing the Global Entry application.

Paying the applicable non-refundable fee.

Waiting for CBP to review the application.

Receiving conditional approval when applicable.

Completing the required enrollment interview process.

Receiving final membership approval.

Creating an account through the Trusted Traveler Programs system.

*CBP's handbook confirms that applicants are notified through their TTP account about conditional approvals, interviews, approvals, and denials. [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)*

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