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## **CBP Expands Global Entry to Philadelphia International Airport Trusted Travelers Can Now Fly Through Arrivals Processing**

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**Philadelphia** – United States citizens and lawful permanent residents who frequently fly into Philadelphia International Airport from overseas airports can now fly through customs and immigration processing with the start of Global Entry.

Global Entry is a Customs and Border Protection initiative that streamlines the screening process at airports for trusted travelers through biometric verification. Global Entry allows pre-approved travelers to use automated kiosks to process their arrivals at CBP inspection areas, essentially by-passing relatively lengthy passport processing lines.

Participation is voluntary. Participants must possess a machine-readable U.S. passport or permanent resident card, pay a non-refundable \$100 application fee, submit an online application, complete an interview at a CBP enrollment center. ([Global Entry](#))

More than 18,000 members have enrolled in Global Entry since its inception on June 6, 2008. Those travelers have used Global Entry kiosks nearly 60,000 times.

“Clearly, this program works. More than 75 percent of travelers who are enrolled in Global Entry have completed their arrival processing in less than five minutes,” said Allan Martocci, CBP’s Port Director for the Area Port of Philadelphia. “Global Entry increases our ability to expedite legitimate travel for low-risk, international air travelers.”

Philadelphia is one of 13 additional cities where CBP expanded Global Entry on August 24. More than 1.7 million international travelers arrived to Philadelphia International Airport during 2008.

On a peak travel day, as many as 7,000 international travelers may process their arrivals here. It could take as long as 60 minutes to process the last person in a primary inspection line. Global Entry shaves that processing time considerably. The recent average processing time for all 76 Global Entry kiosks at the 20 participating airports is about 56 seconds.

Other recent expansion sites include international airports in Boston; Dallas; Detroit; Fort Lauderdale; Honolulu, Las Vegas; Newark, N.J.; Orlando, Fla.; Orlando-Sanford, Fla.; San Juan, P.R.; San Francisco and Seattle.

CBP introduced Global Entry on June 6, 2008 at John F. Kennedy International Airport (New York), Washington Dulles International Airport (Sterling, Va.) and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (Houston). Global Entry expanded on Oct. 27, 2008 to four additional sites at Los Angeles International, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International, Chicago O’Hare International and Miami International airports.

Returning to the United States from overseas is quick and easy.

Global Entry members insert their U.S. passport or permanent resident cards into the Global Entry kiosk, provide digital fingerprints for biometric verification, answer customs declaration questions on the kiosk’s touch-screen, and then present a transaction receipt to a CBP officer before departing the Federal Inspection Station.

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Global Entry is growing in popularity and Customs and Border Protection is exploring reciprocal agreements with partner nations to further streamline processing of trusted travelers.

Presently, the U.S. is partnering with The Netherlands Privium trusted traveler program. Pre-approved travelers from both countries can process their international arrivals at each nation's kiosks. The United Kingdom and Germany have expressed interest in pursuing a similar reciprocal agreement.

"Global Entry is the ideal program for those who conduct extensive international air travel and dislike waiting in busy Customs and Border Protection primary inspection lines," said Martocci.

Interested participants can apply or learn more about Global Entry online. ( [Global Entry](#) )

The Philadelphia Global Entry enrollment center is located in the CBP Federal Inspection Station in Terminal A-West at Philadelphia International Airport.

For more information on other CBP Trusted Traveler opportunities, please visit the CBP Web site. ( [Know Before You Go](#) )

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