

US Border Overflight Exemptions: A How-to Guide

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Update Aug 2025: BOEs Move to eAPIS (No More Email Applications)

Until now, getting a Border Overflight Exemption (BOE) was an email game. You'd draft up a message to CBP with your operator details, compliance statement, and a few other bits depending on whether it was a new application, renewal, or name change.

That's now changed. **CBP has shifted BOE applications and renewals into the eAPIS web portal.** Instead of emailing back and forth, you log in with your usual eAPIS credentials and hit the new "Border Overflight Exemption" link under the manifest options.

Electronic Advance Passenger Information System

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Private Aviation - Manifest Options

APIS and CBP Permissions are REQUIRED for Both U.S. Departures and Arrivals [\[message detail\]](#)

The Electronic Advance Passenger Information System for Private Aircraft allows authorized users the ability to Submit Notice of Departure and Notice of Arrival manifests to Customs and Border Protection, an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Please select an option below, or Help for assistance.

Your current email address is: **REDACTED**. All DHS response emails will be sent to this email address. If this is not correct, select the **Modify primary account holder information** option under Manage Account, and update your primary contact email address **prior** to submission of a Notice of Arrival or Departure.

For Private Aviation support, [click here](#)

To submit a Border Overflight Exemption request, [click here](#)

Traveler Options

Select an option below to update or create your crew information or to submit a Notice of Departure or a Notice of Arrival.

[Update or Create](#) Crew and Pilot Information

[Create](#) a new "Notice of Departure" and traveler manifest

[Create](#) a new "Notice of Arrival" and traveler manifest

[View or Submit](#) from recently submitted manifests

[View or Submit](#) from saved manifests

Manage Account

Select an option below to manage account information. Visit the [Account FAQ](#) to view user account frequently asked questions.

[Update](#) your password.

[Modify](#) primary account holder information.

Thanks to the NBAA for this behind-the-scenes screenshot.

CBP says they'll process these within 30 days or less (same as before). Commercial operators still need to add carrier bond info and confirm customs fees are current, but otherwise it's a much smoother process. If you use a handler or third-party provider, they'll continue doing it for you behind the scenes.

New to BOEs? If you're arriving from the south, CBP normally requires your first landing to be at the nearest southern airport of entry. A Border Overflight Exemption lets you bypass that rule and fly straight to the airport you actually want to reach. [More info here.](#)

Original Story Sep 2024: BOE Guide

Back in the days when you had to email your BOE requests to CBP and everything was way more painful, we lovingly prepared a 1-page quick-ref cribsheet showing what to do.



But with the Aug 2025 switch to doing all your BOEing via the eAPIS website, **that guide is now defunct!** We hereby forever consign it to the great FOD bin of history!

