

An important message from American



Changes to Application of Air Passenger Duty (APD) Tax for Children under 16 Departing the U.K.

As you are aware, the U.K. government recently announced the elimination of the Air Passenger Duty (APD) tax for children under the age of 12, travelling in the Main Cabin (Economy Class) departing the U.K. on or after May 1, 2015.

We are pleased to announce, from March 1, 2016, the APD Tax will no longer apply for young adults up to the age of 16 years, travelling in the Main Cabin (Economy Class) departing the U.K.

Customers who have already paid the APD Tax for children under the age of 16, booked to depart the U.K. in the Main Cabin on or after March 1, 2016, are eligible for a refund.

Refund Processing Options

Customers who purchased tickets through American Airlines Reservations or via aa.com for travel exiting the U.K. on or after March 1, 2016, will be proactively refunded the APD tax.

Travel agencies may refund the APD tax on eligible 001 tickets using one of the following three options:

1. The issuing agency may issue a new ticket (at the exact same fare without the tax) for the child under the age of 16. Once issued, the agency may then process a refund for the original ticket provided the following required documentation is included:

Required PNR Documentation:

- Add the following OSI documentation and original ticket number in the following format:
OSI AA APD TAX REFUNDED FOR CHILD TICKET 001 111 222 3333

Required New Ticket Documentation:

- The old ticket number must be included in the endorsement box of the new ticket.
2. The issuing agency may contact Sales Support or Reservations to process the APD tax refund.





Please note:

- If American processes the refund, American will reissue the ticket resulting in the travel agency losing control of the ticket for any subsequent changes.
3. The issuing agency or the passenger may wait until travel is completed and submit a request for an APD tax refund post travel via BSP link. (U.S. travel agencies may submit a request via aa.com).

GDSs have been programmed for the exemption of APD tax on Economy Class tickets for children under the age of 16 departing the U.K. in Economy Class on or after March 1, 2016.

The U.K. announcement can be viewed [here](#).

FAQ

Q. What is the Air Passenger Duty (APD) tax?

A. The Air Passenger Duty (APD) tax is a tax collected on departures from airports in the United Kingdom (UK).

Q. How is the Air Passenger Duty (APD) tax identified on a ticket?

A. The Air Passenger Duty (APD) tax can be identified as 'GB' in the tax break down section of a fare.

