

Online check-in: What is it? - Ryanair

Ryanair

In the case of Ryanair, as with most low-cost airlines, you must **check in online yourself before travelling**. Passengers who do not check in before arriving at the airport may incur a penalty, and in extreme cases, may not be allowed to board the plane.

Ryanair check-in **opens 24 hours before departure and closes 2 hours before departure**. You can do it on the airline's website or app. Below, we walk you through the process step by step.

How do I check-in online when booking Ryanair flights through eSky?

For Ryanair tickets, **you must complete online check-in yourself – this service is not provided by eSky**. As a passenger, you can manage your booking and check in directly through the airline's website or app.

The app can be downloaded from Google Play and the App Store. You'll find more details on the Ryanair website.

When can I start online check-in with Ryanair?

- Standard online check-in starts **24 hours before departure** and closes **2 hours before the scheduled take-off**
- If you purchased an assigned seat on the plane when booking your trip, check-in is available **60 days before your flight**.

❗**Important!** If you've purchased a **Plus or Flexi Plus** fare, you can check in free of charge at the airport. For other fares, you must check in online yourself.

What information do I need to check in online?

To check in online, you'll need:

- **the email address** provided when booking with eSky;
- **the flight booking number (PNR)**, found [in your eSky account](#) and in the booking confirmation email.

An airline booking number (PNR) is a unique code used by airlines to identify a reservation. It typically consists of 6 characters, such as 4YUK3R.

For more details, please refer to [How to find your booking reference, PNR and other identifying details](#).

❗**Important! PNR is not the same as an eSky booking number!**

The PNR number is issued by the airline and is required to check in for your flight on the Ryanair website or app. The eSky booking number, on the other hand, is only used to contact us.

You'll also find your PNR number in the booking confirmation email from Ryanair.

How do I check-in online with Ryanair?

Step-by-step instructions

1. Go to www.ryanair.com or download the myRyanair app.
 - Already have a Ryanair account? Select the "Login" tab and enter your account details.
 - Don't have a Ryanair account? Select the 'Registration' tab and create an account following the instructions.
 2. If you're using the website, log in and go to "My bookings." If your reservation doesn't appear in the list, select "Find my booking."
 3. If you're using the mobile app, tap "Check-in" in the bottom menu. If your booking isn't showing, select "View my trips" and then go to the "Email address" section.
 4. Now it's time to enter the following details:
 - **the email address** you used when booking with eSky,
 - **the airline booking number (PNR)** – you can find it [in your eSky account](#) and in the booking confirmation email.
- 📌 **Trouble finding your PNR number? Learn more about it here: [What details do I need to check in online?](#)**
5. Once your booking has been downloaded, select "Check in now." Then, in the app, return to the "Check-in" section.
 6. Enter the details of all passengers and their identity documents, including:
 - document type (e.g. ID card or passport)
 - document number
 - expiration date
 - country of issue
 7. Select a seat on the plane (if you don't want to pay for it, choose the free random seat allocation option). At this stage, you can also add other services, such as additional baggage.
 8. Confirm the details and complete check-in.
 9. Done, you're all set for your trip!

📌 **Important: Remember that the same process must be repeated for the return flight!**

After completing check-in, your boarding pass will appear in the Ryanair app under "Boarding Passes." From 12 November 2025, Ryanair will no longer accept boarding passes in PDF format or printed copies. At the airport, you'll need a phone or other mobile device with the app installed to show your boarding pass.

The only exception is flights departing from Morocco. If you're flying from Morocco, you must check in online to receive your check-in confirmation in the app. You'll then need to show this confirmation at the airport check-in desk to collect your printed boarding pass.

Where can I find the details needed for check-in?

All the details needed to log in to the Ryanair website (e-mail address and PNR booking number) can be found in your eSky account and in the booking confirmation email.

📌 [Click here to check your booking details in your eSky account](#)

What if I don't check in myself?

Ryanair **requires the passenger to check in online**. If you don't:

- you will be charged **an additional airport check-in fee** (up to €55),
- the airline may **refuse boarding**.

Can I change my travel documents after checking in online with Ryanair? Can I change passenger details?

If you want to make any changes, please **contact the airline directly**. You can find their contact details on the [Ryanair help page](#).

What if I've purchased the eSky online check-in service for a flight with another airline?

For certain airlines, we offer a service that lets us check you in on your behalf. This service **doesn't include Ryanair tickets** – for this airline, check-in is always done by the passenger themselves.

▣ **Important!** If your booking includes a **flight with an airline other than Ryanair**, that requires airport check-in, we may ask you to provide your check-in details. Please note that in this case, **we will only check you in for that specific flight segment**. For Ryanair flights, you'll need to check in yourself.

▣ **Want to learn more about online check-in?** Find out here: [What is online check-in?](#)

Does this article have the information you were looking for? [Yes](#) | [No](#)