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Business travellers will have easier check-ins, thanks to a new technology that allows a barcoded boarding pass to be sent directly to fliers' mobile phones. Fliers check in via the internet – either from a computer or mobile connection – and receive the IATA-compatible boarding pass directly to their mobile phone.

UK-based aviation IT consultancy and solutions provider Real Time Engineering has teamed up with Mobiqa to deliver the patented mobile barcode technology to the aviation industry. The RT-MobiTicket solution maintains a database of the capabilities of all handsets on the marketplace, to optimally format the barcode image along with any additional text.

By implementing barcodes that are compatible with the IATA specification, the solution does not require airports and airlines to install new infrastructure and systems. Existing systems that support paper-based barcoded boarding passes can be reused. IATA is actively monitoring the technology's progress, and recognizes that the technology may further evolve.

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