

Travel to Austria

Entry WITHOUT a visa

- ▶ Citizens of EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland with the new EU-passport (biometric passport) can enter without a visa.
- ▶ **Entry without a visa up to 3 months:** Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Israel, Canada, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Macedonia, Mexico, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Serbia, Singapur, Taiwan, U.S.A., Uruguay, Venezuela.
- ▶ **For stays longer than 3 months: Visa D.**
- ▶ **Entry without a visa up to 6 months:** Japan.

Residence Permit – Students (RP)

- ▶ For stays exceeding 180 days (approx. 6 months)
- ▶ To be issued the „Residence Permit – Students“ a **conditional admission** from one of these institutions is required: **University/Technical College/Accredited private university, a College of Education or an accredited private degree programme**
- ▶ For legal entry into Austria, an application for a national Visa D and for a residence permit is required. This has to be applied for at the Austrian Embassy in your home country.
- ▶ Initial application has to be submitted and issued in the respective home country, before entry into Austria
- ▶ The RP has to be picked up in person at the municipal department for immigration & citizenship (MA35) in Vienna. For this, a national Visa D is issued.
- ▶ In case **no conditional admission by the university can be submitted**, only a **Visa D for max. 6 months** can be issued. After its expiration it is possible to apply for a RP in the home country, provided that the conditional admission

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Turkey, Bosnia, CIS states (Russia, Kazakhstan, etc.), Ukraine, China, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Ecuador, etc.

VISA C – Schengen tourist visa for up to 3 months.

– for **German courses** Visa C are issued for the exact duration (no longer than 90 days within 6 months) of the booked and purchased German course.

VISA D

– Austrian visa for students/language students for 3 up to 6 months.

Documents

required for Visa C and D:

- ▶ Complete & signed application form(s)
- ▶ Passport photo according to ICAO criteria (colour, 35x45mm)
- ▶ Valid passport (at least two empty pages; not older than 10 years; valid for at least another 3 months) as well as a photocopy of the passport
- ▶ Letter of invitation: course confirmation ActiLingua and Letter of Acceptance (=proof of payment) or study confirmation
- ▶ Confirmation of secured accommodation
- ▶ Proof for means of travel (reservation or ticket)
- ▶ Travel-, health- and accident insurance (min. coverage: EUR 30,000.-)
- ▶ Proof of sufficient financial means (if applicable)
- ▶ Certified/Authenticated letter of authority from legal guardians of minors travelling alone.
- ▶ Copy of birth certificate of minors recommended

Important!

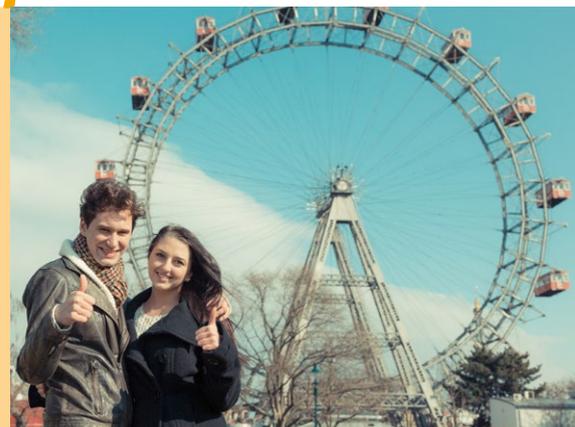
- ▶ You can **only apply** for a visa from your **home country**.
- ▶ It is not possible to extend a visa in Austria or to apply for a residence permit after having entered the country without a visa or with a tourist Visa C.
- ▶ **Visa applications** should be submitted at least **6-8 weeks** before departure.
- ▶ **Residence permits** should be applied for at least **2-3 months** before departure.

- ▶ Pay the total amount for the course and accommodation. ActiLingua will then send you a **course confirmation and an invitation letter**.
- ▶ Should you need the original confirmation and the visa invitation letter, we can send you the documents by regular mail or express delivery. (DHL-Express: EUR 75.-)
- ▶ In case the visa application is declined we will refund the paid fee excl. the administration

fee of EUR 198.-, DHL-Express and insurance until 4 working days prior to arrival (only after receipt of written proof of embassy's denial). After that, our cancellation policy applies.

Get **more detailed** information and order our **Visa information** for Russia/Ukraine; Turkey; China; Korea/Taiwan/Hong Kong; Brazil/Colombia/Mexico and India/Bangladesh.

Invitation letter



Subject to change. For further information in all visa matters please enquire at the Austrian Embassy in your country, which provides up-to-date information.

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