ENTRY AND RESIDENCE REGULATIONS

Students who do not have EU/EEA nationality need an entry/residence title for Austria. The type of permit depends on the length of the stay.

1. Stays up to 6 months – Visa D

If you stay up to 6 months you require a Visa D in order to legally enter and reside in Austria. Visa D holders may travel to Schengen countries up to 90 days within the dates of validity specified in the visa. You have to submit your Visa application to the responsible Austrian authority (embassy, general consulate)* 3 months to 3 weeks before entering Austria. The visa will be issued by the same authority.

* Find the responsible Austrian representative authority for your home country here.

Exceptions:

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<th>Exchange students with US or Canadian citizenship*</th>
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<th>apply for the Visa D at the Consulate in Munich, Bratislava or Lubljana (cannot be issued on the application day!)</th>
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<td>Students with residence permit for another Schengen country</td>
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*Attention! If you travel to Austria through another Schengen-country, a Visa D is required!

To apply for a Visa D for study purposes, the following documents are required:

- a completed and signed application form -> select “study” as main purpose(s) of the journey
- recent photograph (the size must be between 3.5 x 4.5 cm and 4.0 x 5.0 cm)
- valid passport (+ photocopies of all passport pages that contain entry information and stamps) -> valid during your entire stay in Austria!
- proof of accommodation in Austria
- proof of health insurance applicable in Austria
- proof of financial support
- Letter of Acceptance issued by the International Office
- return airline ticket, if available

**A VISA D FOR AUSTRIA CANNOT BE ISSUED OR EXTENDED IN AUSTRIA!**
The following documents are necessary for the application:

- fully completed and signed **application form** for a **residence permit for study purposes** (Aufenthaltsbewilligung "Studierender")
- recent **photograph** (size between 3.5 x 4.5 cm and 4.0 x 5.0 cm)
- **passport** (valid for the whole stay!)
- **certified birth certificate** (for information on legalisation please check 2.1.)
- **letter of acceptance** from the university
- **proof of financial** means to finance your stay (for students up to 24 years at least € 491,43, for older students at least € 889,84, per month - rent for housing up to € 284,32, is included; e.g. a savings account or a bank account at an Austrian bank or proof of purchase of traveller’s cheques for the necessary amount or a confirmation of the award of a scholarship/grant). A bank account statement alone is not sufficient. The authority needs to know where the money comes from e.g. if your parents finance your study please enclose an explanation from them including their income statement.
- **proof of accommodation** in Austria (Housing confirmation)
- **proof of health insurance**: travel health insurance for the first 2-3 weeks after arrival is sufficient as you will have to sign up for the [Upper Austrian health insurance](#) (available for approx. € 55/month) after the local registration
- **police record/certificate of good conduct** (where available) - the submission of this document is not obligatory, but nevertheless the Austrian authority is allowed to ask for it - we recommend to submit this document to avoid a delay in processing your application
- **return flight ticket**, if available

All documents have to be submitted in the original AND photocopy.

**EXCEPTION:** Letter of Acceptance and Housing confirmation can be submitted in photocopy. Documents in languages other than German or English have to be submitted together with a certified German translation.

A fee of € 120 is due for payment for the residence permit. € 80 of this has to be paid when you apply at the representative authority; another € 20 for the collection of police identification data ("Personalisierungsgebühr") and the remaining € 20 have to be paid when collecting the residence permit in Austria.
2.1. Legalisation of documents

Legalisations confirm the authenticity of documents and signatures respectively. Foreign documents which are to be submitted to authorities and higher education institutions in Austria need to be legalised in most cases. Several countries have concluded agreements about legalisation with Austria in order to simplify the procedure. Since these regulations are country-specific, it is highly recommended to enquire at the Austrian representative authority in your country if and how your documents should be legalised.

The document’s place of issue determines if and which kind of legalisation is required:
1. Legalisation by means of an ‘apostille’
   Apostilles are legalisations that are attached to public documents in the form of a seal. Currently approx. 100 countries have joined the legalisation agreement of The Hague and thus their documents only need an apostille.
2. No legalisation
   Due to bilateral agreements documents from some countries do neither need legalisation nor apostille.
3. All other countries need full legalisation
   This means that first the internal legalisation process of the country of origin has to be completed, then final legalisation of the document is carried out by the ministry for foreign affairs of that country and finally the Austrian representative authority has to legalise the document again.

2.2. Exemption from visa requirements (Visa Waiver Programme)

Citizens from certain countries may:
- enter Austria visa-free
- stay in Austria visa-free up to 90 days, 3 months or 6 months

For detailed and updated information please visit: https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-residence-and-employment/nationals-of-third-countries/exemption-from-visa-requirements-visumfreiheit/

2.3. Tuberculosis

Students who are not citizens of the EU, EFTA, the United States, Canada, New Zealand or Australia need to submit a lung X-ray-examination. This examination by the Public Health Office is free of charge. However it is not necessary, if you provide an X-ray, no older than 2 months, from your country.