

Travel to Austria

Visa C

Schengen tourist visa for up to 3 months. Visa C for German courses is issued for the exact duration of your booked and paid course and up to max. 3 months (90 days) out of 6 months. Price for visa application (at the embassy): approx. EUR 60.-

Entry without a visa

Owners of Hong Kong or Macanese passports can travel to Austria and the Schengen zone for up to 3 months without requiring a visa.

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, 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 the 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 can be submitted.

Admission to an Austrian University

If you have already studied in China for the time period of one semester, and you would now like to continue your studies in Austria, all your documents have to be checked by the „Akademische Prüfstelle. (APS - <http://tinyurl.com/mzt76g4>). In case you have completed the National College Entrance Examination (Gaokao) but have not yet completed a term of study, you need to have your documents verified by the „China Academic Degrees & Graduation Education Development Center“ (CDGDC - www.cdgdc.edu.cn). Please attach the CDGDC verification to your application for admission to study in Austria.

Invitation letter

- ▶ Pay the total amount for the course and accommodation. ActiLingua will then send you a course confirmation and an invitation letter.
 - ▶ If you need a declaration of guarantee: EUR 100.- visa support fee.
 - ▶ 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 100.-)
 - ▶ 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.
- For further information in all visa matters please enquire at the Austrian Embassy in your country, which provides up-to-date information.

Documents

required for Visa C and D:

- ▶ Completed & signed application form(s)
- ▶ 2 passport photos according to ICAO criteria (colour, 35x45mm)
- ▶ Valid passport (at least two empty pages; not older than 10 years; valid for at least 3 months after the scheduled end of stay) 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 required)
- ▶ Certified/Authenticated letter of authority from legal guardians for minors travelling alone
- ▶ Hukou & ID-Card (Original & Copy)
- ▶ Curriculum Vital (German or English)
- ▶ Explanatory Statement
- ▶ Proof of previous education

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.

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