

## Travel to Austria

### Entry WITHOUT a visa

- ▶ Citizens of **EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** with a valid passport or ID card can enter without a visa.
- ▶ **Entry without a visa up to 3 months:** Albania\*, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia\*, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Georgia\*, Guatemala, Hong Kong\*\*, Israel, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, North Macedonia\*, Mexico, Montenegro\*, Moldova\*, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Serbia\*, Singapore, Taiwan\*\*\*, U.S.A., Uruguay, Ukraine\*, 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 can be submitted.

### Entry WITH a visa

Turkey, CIS states (Russia, Kazakhstan, etc.), China, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, 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 from 3 months up to 6 months.

\* biometric passport required

\*\* visa-free travel for SAR-passport holders

\*\*\* visa-free travel for holders of a passport with ID card number

### Documents

required for **Visa C and D:**

- ▶ Completed & signed application form(s)
- ▶ Passport photo according to ICAO criteria (colour, 35x45mm)
- ▶ Valid passport (at least two empty pages; no 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
- ▶ Copy of birth certificate is recommended for minors
- ▶ Collection of biometric data such as fingerprints unless they have already been stored within the last 59 months as part of a Schengen Visa approval
- ▶ Copies of previous Schengen visas

### 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**.

## Invitation letter

- ▶ 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 100.-)
- ▶ In case the visa application is declined we will refund the paid fee only to the bank account or credit card the payment came from, 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; Iran and India/Bangladesh.

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

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