Austria—Visa Requirements

SOURCE: Embassy of Austria

U.S. citizens do not need an entry permit (visa) to stay in Austria as either tourists or on a business trip for a period of up to three months (90 days).

Entry Permit (Visa)

- An entry permit (visa) is issued to individuals who plan to go to Austria on a temporary basis.
- The stay must not exceed six months (in most cases).
- You do not intend to take up any employment in Austria. An entry permit is, in general, not a work authorization. However, starting January 1, 2006, some exceptions to this rule--mainly concerning certain temporary job assignments--come into effect.

If you answer YES to one of the following questions, you will most likely need an entry permit (visa) to enter Austria.

- Do you pass through Austria in (airport) transit?
- Do you intend to temporarily visit Austria as a tourist or to see friends or relatives who live in Austria?
- Are you on a (short-term) business trip to Austria?
- Will you take part in a conference or a seminar in Austria?
- Will you attend a German language course (up to six months)?
- Do you plan to study or to do an internship in Austria for up to six months?
- Will you be working as a guest professor at an Austrian university for one semester?

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Requirements National Visa “D” – Students

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND NOTE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED BELOW YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS INCOMPLETE:
COVER LETTER SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT
- explaining the purpose of the entire trip incl. detailed itinerary (location/s, duration, accommodation/s)

APPLICATION FORM FILLED IN BLOCK LETTERS
- all points to be answered
- signed twice by the applicant (p.2 & p.3)

CONSULAR FEE EUR 100,00 / equivalent amount to be paid in USD
- according to the monthly exchange rate (see our webpage: http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassy/chicago/practical-advice/consular-fees.html) either in cash or money order (pay to the order of “Austrian Consulate General”), other payment methods are not accepted.

TWO RECENT PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS
- according to ICAO norms (see more information on our webpage)
- not more than 6 months old
- passport-size (35 x 45 mm)
- in colour
- close up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70-80% of the photograph
- sharp focus and clear
- high quality with no ink marks or creases
- photographs to be submitted in an appropriate envelope (do not staple or glue)

ORIGINAL PASSPORT
- valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended stay in the Schengen territory
- validity must not be longer than 10 years
- containing 2 empty pages
- copy of all pages of present passport incl. stamps, visas, remarks, etc.
- copy of all pages of previous passport/s incl. stamps, visas, remarks, etc.

ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF VALID PERMIT FOR YOUR RETURN TO THE USA (if applicable)
- e.g. residence permit, visa

PROOF OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS
- Credit cards and cash are not accepted as proof of financial means; credit card statements can be submitted as supporting document
- bank statements for the last 3 months (transactions, name/s and account number/s to be clearly visible)
- present balance of account/s (name/s and account number/s to be clearly visible)
- pay stubs covering the last 3 months
- additional funds (if applicable)
• traveller’s cheques, etc. (if applicable)
• self-employed: income statement or income tax return of the last 3 years (if applicable)

PROOF OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS OF THE SPONSOR IN THE US (if applicable)
• Credit cards and cash are not accepted as proof of financial means; credit card statements can be submitted as supporting document original sponsorship letter notarised by a notary public
• photo ID of the sponsor
• original signed financial sponsorship letter mentioning the applicants name and duration of financial sponsorship notarised by a notary public (e.g. bank)
• bank statements for the last 3 months (transactions, name/s and account number/s to be clearly visible)
• present balance of account/s (name/s and account number/s to be clearly visible)
• pay stubs covering the last 3 months
• additional funds (if applicable)
• traveller’s cheques, etc. (if applicable)
• self-employed: income statement or income tax return of the last 3 years (if applicable)
PROOF OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A ROUND TRIP
- e.g. flight reservation, train tickets/reservation, car rental, etc.

PROOF OF ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ENTIRE STAY
- Hotel/guest house reservation incl. contact details
- proof of dormitory reservation
- lease contract
- proof of rent/property of the host person incl. copy of host’s photo ID and signed invitation letter

MEDICAL INSURANCE MENTIONING THE FOLLOWING:
- coverage for the entire duration of stay
- coverage for all Schengen member states
- name and coverage dates
- minimum coverage of EUR 30,000,-- or equivalent amount in USD
- urgent and emergency care
- repatriation/evacuation in case of sickness/accident/demise
- option of direct payment from the insurance to the service provider

Dependants of EU/EWR and CH citizen are exempted from holding a medical insurance. Please note the following websites that can help you find an appropriate insurance: www.quotewright.com / www.overseashealth.com / www.europaeische.at

LETTER OF ENROLLED UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/SCHOOL IN THE US
- confirming the absence for the duration of studying in Austria and enrollment/continuation of studies after the students return

ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE/ADMISSION
- of the university, language course organizer, school, etc. in Austria

TRAVELING MINORS
- application to be submitted in presence of guardian/s
- application to be signed by guardian/s; signatures to be attested by a notary public
- proof of legal guardianship (e.g. birth certificate of minor child, marriage certificate, divorce degree stating child’s custody, adoption certificate, etc.)
- photo ID of guardian/s
- “No Objection” certificate by legal guardian/s attested by a notary public
- “No Objection” certificate by the other guardian attested by a notary public in case minors travelling with only one guardian

PRE-PAID SELF ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE
- if you wish our passport to be returned by mail