Travel restrictions and entry regulations

Check travel restrictions and entry regulations regularly before your arrival to Austria. If you have any questions regarding entry requirements and/or health measures, please contact the Austrian representative authority (embassy/general consulate) in your country of residence.

Am I allowed to enter Austria?

Entry possible (if necessary with medical certificate and/or quarantine) for:

- EU / EEA or Swiss citizens
- Third-country nationals, who legally stay in the EU/EAA or Schengen Area
- Third-country nationals, who are residents of the EU/EAA or Schengen Area (e.g. proof of registered residence should be at hand when crossing the border such as the ‘Meldezettel’)
- Third-country nationals, who are no residents of the EU/EAA or Schengen Area (yet) but have a valid Visa D
- Third-country nationals, who can enter Austria visafree and cross the border to Austria from another EU/EAA or Schengen Area (e.g. persons from Bosnia and Herzegovina coming through Slovenia)

Entry not possible for:

- Third-country nationals, who travel from outside of the EU/EAA and Schengen area directly to Austria and do not have a valid Visa D / a valid Austrian residence title

Researchers and students with a letter of admission (degree seeking) / letter of acceptance (exchange) can contact the Austrian representation in charge to apply for a visa D or a residence title. There are also other exceptions that allow a visa/residence title application, please see the pages in the sources.

Do I have to take a “Corona-Test” for entering Austria or go into quarantine upon arrival?

It depends on your current place of residence or stay, please contact the Austrian representation in your country of residence as a first step. If you are allowed to enter Austria, you can decide whether you want to sign a declaration to go into a self-monitored home quarantine for 10 days, or present a medical certificate upon entering Austria. In some cases, no health measures (medical certificate or home quarantine) are necessary.

No medical certificate / home quarantine is necessary if you are a resident of one of the countries mentioned on the list (see page 3). This also applies to third-country nationals, who currently legally live in one of the mentioned countries (habitual residence, proven by e.g. residence permit and registration confirmation). You must plausibly demonstrate that you only stayed in these
listed countries for 10 days prior to entering Austria. If this is not possible, you need a medical certificate or go into a home quarantine.

Medical certificate (download: German/English medical certificate template) / home quarantine is necessary...

- ...if you are a resident of one of the countries mentioned on the list (see page 3) and stayed in a country that is not on this list within the 10 days prior to entering Austria.
- ...if you are NOT a resident of one of the countries mentioned on the list (see page 3), but are an EU / EEA or Swiss citizen, or live in the same household with an EU / EEA / Swiss citizen.
- ...if you are a third-country national, who is allowed to enter on the basis of a valid visa type D or residence permit*.

You must have a medical certificate (including a negative molecular biological SARS-COV-2 test result, taken less than 72 hours at the time of your entry) or have to commit to a 10-day home quarantine upon entry. In case of a home quarantine, you also have to prove a suitable accommodation (e.g. booking confirmation) and are not allowed to leave your accommodation! Please contact the respective Austrian authority in charge for further details.

* There are other exceptions, see source below.

Entry with medical certificate AND 10-day home quarantine is necessary...
Download: Template medical certificate German/English

...if you are a third-country national and currently stay in the Schengen area legally but visa free and are not a resident of a Schengen country or Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican, the United Kingdom or Cyprus. You must present a medical certificate to enter Austria (including a negative molecular biological SARS-COV-2 test result, taken less than 72 hours at the time of your entry) and additionally (since 07/27/2020 00:00) commit to a 10-day quarantine that has to be started immediately. A suitable accommodation must be proven for the home quarantine, it must not be left during this period and cannot be ended early. In any case, please inquire with the respective Austrian representative authority about the current regulations!

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Sources:
The International Office – Welcome Center strives to provide accurate, up-to-date information & links informing about the current COVID-19 situation. However, since the situation and the regulations are rapidly changing no warranty can be given in respect of the accuracy, reliability or completeness of this information.
States in accordance with § 2 Abs. 2, §2 Abs. 3, § 2 Abs. 5, § 2 Abs. 6 und § 3

- Australia
- Belgium
- Canada
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic (except Prague Region)
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France (except Ile-de-France Region and Provence-Alpes-Cote d’Azur)
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxemburg
- Malta
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal (except Lisbon Region and Norte)
- San Marino
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain – only Canary Islands
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- Uruguay
- Vatican City