

## Travel to Austria with a Working Holiday Visa

The Working Holiday visa allows young students **between 18 to 30 years** to stay in Austria for **6 - 12 months** (depending on the student's nationality). The main objective of your stay is travelling and exploring a new language and culture.

It furthermore authorizes the applicant to attend a **German language course** and/or work in Austria. The following nations are part of this convention since February 2018: **New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Israel, Canada, Chile and Australia.**

### Requirements

- ▶ The applicant has to be between 18 and 30 years old at the time of issuance. Application is already possible before the 18th birthday. At the time of issuance however the applicant has to be at least 18 years old.
- ▶ More information can be found at <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/working-holiday-programmes/working-holiday-application/>.

### Important!

- ▶ You can only apply for a visa from your home country.
- ▶ Visa applications should be submitted at least 6-8 weeks before departure, no earlier than 3 months before departure.

### Entry through Visa D

The Working Holiday visa can be applied for by means of a Visa D application form. Australian, Chilean, Canadian, Hong Kong, Israeli, Japanese, South Korean as well as Taiwanese citizens can attend a German course in Vienna for a duration of up to 12 months.

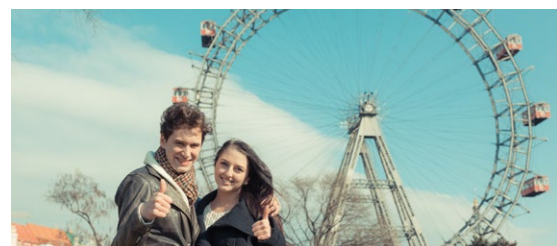
Australian citizens furthermore need a "letter of support" from the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA).

Citizens from New Zealand can travel to Austria for up to 6 months.

The costs for a visa application (at the embassy) are estimated to be around EUR 150,-.

### Documents

- ▶ Complete & signed application form – Visa D.
- ▶ Passport photo according to ICAO criteria (colour, 35x45mm).
- ▶ Valid biometric passport according to ICAO criteria (at least two empty pages; not older than 10 years; valid for at least another 3 months after the visa expires) as well as a photocopy of the passport.
- ▶ Criminal Record Certificate.
- ▶ Proof for means of travel (reservation or ticket).
- ▶ Travel-, health- and accident insurance (min. coverage: EUR 30,000.-).
- ▶ Proof of sufficient financial means (if applicable): Those, who apply for a visa in Austria have to be able to finance their first few months in Austria.
- ▶ Letter of support for Australian citizens.
- ▶ Letter of Motivation



## Invitation letter & Contacts

- ▶ 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.

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

#### Australia/New Zealand

Austrian Embassy in Canberra  
Tel.: (+61/2) 6295 1533  
E-Mail: canberra-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-canberra/>  
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/work-holiday-417>

#### Chile

Austrian Embassy in Santiago de Chile  
Tel.: (+56 2) 2223 4774  
E-Mail: santiago-de-chile-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-santiago-de-chile/>

#### Hong Kong

Austrian Embassy in Hongkong  
Tel.: (+852) 2522 8086  
E-Mail: hongkong-gk@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/gk-hongkong/>

#### Israel

Austrian Embassy in Tel Aviv  
Tel.: (+972) 3 612 0924  
E-Mail: tel-aviv-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-tel-aviv/>

#### Japan

Austrian Embassy in Tokio  
Tel.: (+81/3) 34 51 82 81  
E-Mail: tokio-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-tokio/>

#### Canada

Austrian Embassy in Ottawa  
Tel.: (+1 / 613) 789 14 44 (Arnt)  
E-Mail: ottawa-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-ottawa/>

#### South Korea

Austrian Embassy in Seoul  
Tel.: (+82/2) 732 9071  
E-Mail: seoul-ob@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-seoul/>

#### Taiwan

Austrian Office in Taipeh  
Tel.: +886/2 817 532 83  
E-Mail: taipei-ot@bmeia.gv.at  
<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/vertretung/taipeh.html>