

Entry requirements

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1. 1. Pre-Travel Clearance

- a. a. Before entering the country, people must register online at www.sozialministerium.at/PTC-Form-en and present the confirmation of transmission upon entry

2. Entries from EU / EEA countries, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Vatican and the United Kingdom

- a. passengers arriving from one of the following countries AND who have only been to these countries or in Austria within the last 10 days are free to enter Austria (no molecular-biological / Antigen-Test of SARS-CoV-2-test, no quarantine): Australia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Republic Korea, Singapur, Vatican
- b. third-country nationals arriving from out of Schengen or from out of countries as listed in a) are not allowed to enter Austria
- c. remaining persons are required to start a 10-day quarantine, which is considered to have ended if a molecular biological test / antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 is carried out at the earliest on the fifth day after entry and the test result is negative
- d. exceptions apply to the following persons, although they must present a medical certificate¹ that is not older than 72 hours and confirms that a molecular biological test / antigen test is negative for SARS-CoV-2:
 - i. humanitarian forces,
 - ii. people who come for work purposes,
 - iii. an accompanying person during entry for medical reasons,
 - iv. persons who enter the country for the purpose of performing a mandatory court or official duty, such as summoning to court hearings,
 - v. strangers, if they have a photo ID according to § 95 of the Aliens Police Act 2005, Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2005.

If the medical certificate cannot be presented, a ten-day quarantine must be commenced immediately. If a molecular biological test / antigen test carried out during this time for SARS-CoV-2 is negative, the quarantine is deemed to have ended.

3. Entry from other states and areas

- a. passengers arriving from one of the following countries AND who have only been to these countries or in Austria within the last 10 days are free to enter Austria (no molecular-biological / Antigen-Test of SARS-CoV-2-test, no quarantine): Australia, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Republic Korea, Singapur, Vatican
- b. exceptions apply to the following people, who have to enter a 10-day quarantine, which is considered to have ended if a molecular biological test / antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 is carried out at the earliest on the fifth day after entry and the test result is negative:
 - i. Austrian citizens, EU / EEA citizens and people who live with them in the same household,
 - ii. Swiss citizens and citizens of the United Kingdom as well as persons who live with them in the same household,
 - iii. people with residence or habitual abode in EU / EEA countries or Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Vatican, Switzerland or the United Kingdom and people who live with them in the same household,
 - iv. entry in connection with other important events that can be planned in the family circle such as weddings, baptisms, birthday parties or the non-regular visit of the partner,
 - v. foreigners, if they have a visa D issued by Austria or a photo ID according to § 95 of the Aliens Police Act 2005, Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2005,
 - vi. persons who are entitled to stay in Austria on the basis of a residence permit, a residence title or documentation of the right of residence in accordance with the Settlement and Residence Act, Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2005, or the Asylum Act 2005, Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2005 are,
 - vii. members of the staff of diplomatic missions or consular posts and persons who live with them in the same household,
 - viii. employees of international organizations and people who live with them in the same household,
 - ix. humanitarian forces,
 - x. persons who are employed by a domestic regional authority or a domestic corporation under public law and whose place of employment is abroad or whose service is performed abroad, insofar as the activity of this corporation abroad is in the interests of the Republic of Austria,
 - xi. people who come for work purposes,
 - xii. an accompanying person during entry for medical reasons,

- xiii. people who travel to the country to begin or continue studying or doing research,
 - xiv. people who come to attend school, or
 - xv. people who enter the country for the purpose of performing a mandatory judicial or official obligation, such as summoning to court hearings
- c. exceptions apply to the following persons, although they must present a medical certificate¹ that is not older than 72 hours and confirms that a molecular biological test / antigen test is negative for SARS-CoV-2:
- i. humanitarian forces,
 - ii. people who come for work purposes,
 - iii. an accompanying person during entry for medical reasons,
 - iv. persons who enter the country for the purpose of performing a mandatory court or official duty, such as summoning to court hearings,
 - v. strangers, if they have a photo ID according to § 95 of the Aliens Police Act 2005, Federal Law Gazette I No. 100/2005.

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4. Entry for medical reasons

- a. The entry of
- i. Austrian citizens,
 - ii. persons who are subject to compulsory health insurance in Austria, or
 - iii. persons who have been granted a treatment agreement by an Austrian hospital for medical reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration,

is permitted without restriction if it takes place in Austria for the use of absolutely necessary medical services. Upon entry, a confirmation of the absolute necessity of using a medical service³ must be presented.

- b. People with their place of residence or habitual abode in Austria are allowed to re-enter the country without restrictions after having used essential medical services. Upon re-entry, a confirmation of the absolute necessity of using a medical service³ must be presented.

5. general exemptions, regardless of where these people come from, apply to (persons neither need molecular-biological test / Antigen-Test of SARS-CoV-2 nor have to start a quarantine):

- a. to maintain goods and passenger traffic (crews),

- b. exclusively for compelling reasons of animal care or for agricultural and forestry measures in individual cases,
 - c. in the context of the implementation of a professional transfer trip / a professional transfer flight,
 - d. in the imperative interest of the Republic of Austria,
 - e. transit passengers or the transit through Austria without a stopover, which is also the case with only essential interruptions,
 - f. entry or re-entry as part of the regular commuter traffic for professional purposes, unless they are carers,
 - g. entry or re-entry as part of regular commuter traffic to participate in school and study operations,
 - h. entry or re-entry as part of regular commuter traffic for family purposes or to visit a partner,
 - i. the crew of a repatriation trip / a repatriation flight including the accompanying organs of the public security service,
 - j. for unforeseeable, urgent reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle in individual cases (e.g. serious illnesses, deaths, funerals, births and the care of people in need of support in emergencies),
6. People who have to start a quarantine must present confirmation of the availability of suitable accommodation upon arrival and the costs must be borne. If no electronic registration has been made, the data must be entered in the registration form⁴ and confirmed with a personal signature.
 7. children up to the age of 10 are exempted from any obligation to take a molecular-biological / Antigen-test of SARS-CoV-2 test
 8. exemptions do not release passenger/crew from foreign immigration entry regulations (visa, ...)

Documentation

¹: Health Certificate: <https://tinyurl.com/medcerten201219>

²: Austrian Residence Permits: <https://tinyurl.com/residencepermits>

³: Confirmation of Medical Service in case of absolute medical necessity:
<https://tinyurl.com/medservice201017>

⁴: Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ATPTCFormEN>

Hygiene regulations

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bus / train / ship: On board coaches / trains / excursion ships, a distance of at least 1 meter must be kept from people who do not live in the same household and a mechanical protection device (community mask) covering the mouth and nose area must be worn. If the distance of at least 1 meter is not possible due to the number of passengers and when boarding and alighting, an exception can be made.

aircraft: A mechanical protective device (community mask) covering the mouth and nose area must be worn on board aircraft.

The wearing of a mechanical protective device covering the mouth and nose area does not apply to children up to the age of 6 and to persons who cannot be expected to wear the device for health reasons.

Checking the requirements

Upon arrival, entry requirements and hygiene regulations will be approved by Public Health Authorities (assisted by Police and Army). Existence of the respective reasons as well as documentation must be made credible on entry.

Collection of passenger data

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Operators are obliged to collect contact details of passengers if departure point is an area listed on the homepage of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs for which a travel warning has been issued in connection with the occurrence of SARS-CoV-2.

Affected countries/regions to be found at <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/reise-aufenthalt/reisewarnungen>.

Details to be collected:

- ID of persons (full name, date of birth and nationality),
- original place of departure,
- departure and arrival time,
- border crossing point for entry into Austria,
- total number of people carried and
- transport code number.

Data has to be stored for 28 days after arrival and made available immediately to Health Authorities on their request.
