

Entry requirements

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- FAQs of the Federal Ministry of Health on entry requirements can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/EntryReqAT200727>
- persons who are citizens as well as their family members living in the same household or (habitual) residents of one of these countries AND who are arriving from one of these 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 SARS-CoV-2-test, no quarantine): Andorra (till 27.09.2020), Australia (from 28.09.2020), Belgium, Canada (from 28.09.2020), Cyprus, Czech Republic (from 28.09.2020: except region Prague), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (from 28.09.2020: except regions Île-de-France und Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan (from 28.09.2020), Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand (from 28.09.2020), Norway, Poland, Portugal except regions Lisbon and Norte (from 28.09.2020), Republic Korea (from 28.09.2020), San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain – Canary Islands, Sweden (from 28.09.2020), Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay (from 28.09.2020), Vatican
- third-country nationals arriving from out of Schengen area are not allowed to enter Austria
- third-country nationals arriving from Schengen area, Andorra, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, United Kingdom or Vatican are required to provide a health certificate⁵ not older than 72 hours which confirms that a negative molecular biological SARS-CoV-2- test is given and are required to start a 10-days quarantine
- remaining persons are required to provide a health certificate⁵ not older than 72 hours which confirms that a negative molecular biological SARS-CoV-2- test is given or are required to start a 10-days quarantine
- if not providing a health certificate and arriving from Albania, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brasil, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kosovo, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Nigeria, North Macedonia (Rep.), Pakistan, China (People´s Rep.) – Province Hubei, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russian Fed., Senegal, Serbia, Spain mainland and Balearic Islands, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine or USA a molecularbiological SARS-CoV-2-test has to be made within 48 hours after arrival

- exemptions apply to (persons are allowed to enter Austria, but are required to provide a health certificate⁵ not older than 72 hours which confirms that a negative molecular biological SARS-CoV-2-test is given):
 - persons traveling on business
- exemptions apply to (persons are allowed to enter Austria, but are required to provide a health certificate⁵ not older than 72 hours which confirms that a negative molecular biological SARS-CoV-2-test is given or are required to start a 10-days quarantine):
 - members of diplomatic missions and staff of international organizations as well as family members of these people living in the same household,
 - humanitarian workers, nursing and health personnel,
 - seasonal workers in the agricultural and forestry sector as well as tourism,
 - cargo-transport workers,
 - foreigners having a Visa D published by Austria, a documentation of the foreign police act (Fremdenpolizeigesetz), a documentation of the right of residence under the Settlement and Residence Act (Niederlassungs- und Aufenthaltsgesetz) or the Asylum Act (Asylgesetz)²
- general exemptions, regardless of where these people come from, apply to (persons neither need a health certificate nor have to start a quarantine):
 - persons maintaining goods and passenger transport (crews),
 - to carry out a repatriation drive/flight (crews),
 - for particularly considerable reasons in the family circle in individual cases (e.g. visits of family members in the event of illness or their own children within the framework of care obligations, a visit to the life partner⁴, special events such as baptism, birthday, funeral or wedding),
 - for imperative reasons of animal care in individual cases,
 - as part of the implementation of a transfer drive/flight (crews),
 - transfer passengers, provided that immediate departure is ensured (proof of a flight, train, bus ticket, a taxi confirmation or similar),
 - in the imperative interest of the Republic of Austria,
 - Austrian citizens and persons subject to health insurance in Austria or having a promise of treatment issued by an Austrian hospital for medical reasons worth considering plus one accompanying person³,
 - (habitual) residents of Austria re-entering Austria after the use of essential medical services abroad³,
 - commuters with a confirmation of the employer.
- persons required to start a quarantine have to provide a confirmation of availability of suitable accommodation already upon arrival and costs must be borne – otherwise entry will be refused
- children under the age of 6 are exempted from any obligation to take a molecularbiological SARS-CoV-2 test

- exemptions do not release passenger/crew from foreign immigration entry regulations (visa, ...)
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Documentation

- ¹: Health Certificate when arriving from non-exempted countries till 26.07.2020:
<https://tinyurl.com/healthcerteng>
 - ²: Austrian Residence Permits: <https://tinyurl.com/residencepermits>
 - ³: Confirmation of Medical Service in case of absolute medical necessity:
<https://tinyurl.com/medserviceeng>
 - ⁵: Health Certificate when arriving from non-exempted countries from 27.07.2020:
<https://tinyurl.com/healthcerteng72>
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4: Right of entry for life partners

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Austria has initiated several measures to prevent further spread of SARS-CoV-2 and has therefore limited the rights of entry into Austria for non-EU-citizens as well.

Nevertheless general exemptions – persons are allowed to enter Austria and neither need a health certificate nor have to start a quarantine –, regardless of where these people come from, apply to *particularly considerable reasons in the family circle in individual cases*, e.g.:

- visits of family members in the event of illness or their own children within the framework of care obligations,
- a visit to the life partner¹,
- special events such as
 - baptism,
 - birthday,
 - funeral or
 - wedding.

¹: Life partners are all people who are in a fixed relationship, regardless of whether they share the same place of residence or how long the relationship has lasted.

The *particularly considerable reasons in the family circle* must be made credible upon arrival, for example by presenting one of the following documents:

- birth certificate,
 - marriage certificate / partnership certificate,
 - passport copy of the family member,
 - confirmation of registration or documents about common residences,
 - suitable photographs,
 - written documents documenting a civil partnership (e.g. mail correspondence),
 - registration certificates for the same motor vehicle,
 - ...
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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 Albania, Andorra (from 28.09.2020), Argentina (from 28.09.2020), Bahrain (from 28.09.2020), Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica (from 28.09.2020), Croatia, Czech Republic only region Prague (from 28.09.2020), Ecuador, France only regions Île-de-France and Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur (from 28.09.2020), Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel (from 28.09.2020), Kosovo, Kuwait (from 28.09.2020), Maldives (from 28.09.2020), Mexico, Montenegro, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Peoples Republic of China – Province Hubei, Portugal (from 28.09.2020: only regions Lisbon and Norte), Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Spain mainland and Balearic Islands, South Africa, Sweden (till 27.09.2020), Turkey, Ukraine or USA.

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,

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- 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.
