



Immigration Requirements & Health Care

General Immigration Regulations

Austria is a member of the European Union and Schengen States; accordingly, entry is free if you are a EU citizen or you must hold a Schengen Visa. Besides that, there are several countries which do have special bilateral agreements with Austria and thus no visa is required. For more information, which nationalities need a visa for Austria, please click here:

https://www.bmi.gv.at/202/Fremdenpolizei_und_Grenzkontrolle/Visumpflichtige_Laender/files/EN_Visaliste_20200701.pdf

UN Laissez-Passer or Special Passport Holders

Holders of a **UN LP do not require a visa for Austria** but are free to enter with the LP, since we have a UN Office in Vienna (UNOV). Please make sure that your LP is valid for at least 3 months from the entry date to Austria. The UN LP entitles you to a stay for 90 days in Austria.

Similar Regulations may also apply if you hold other special passports, such as diplomatic or service passports – kindly enquire accordingly at the Austrian Embassy in charge for your country.

Visa Application Procedure

When you are admitted to one of our ESDC courses and you need a visa, we will support your visa application with an official invitation letter that you can submit along with your application papers.

Other than that, it is the participant's responsibility to manage the application procedure and make sure to fulfil all necessary conditions.

Please note that:

- the processing of a Schengen Visa takes **a minimum of 21 working days** and start the procedure as soon as possible. In some representations, appointments for the submission of the visa are extremely limited; it is therefore recommended to book the appointment as soon as you apply for the course.
- **Austria has limited foreign representations** and accordingly, you might have to travel to a neighbouring country for your visa processing, since this has to be made at an Austrian Embassy or another Schengen Embassy which is accredited by Austria for this purpose.
- **You are not free to choose the embassy where you submit your visa application**, but the submission must be made in the country where you have a residence permit (also a temporary one, eg. if you are deployed) and/or from where are a citizen (your home country). For a list of Austrian Embassies or a list of accredited Embassies where you can apply for the visa, please click here:
https://www.bmeia.gv.at/fileadmin/user_upload/oracle/oe_vertretungen_en.pdf
- **Even if you have a special passport that allows you to enter Austria without visa, this does not authorise you to transit in other European/Schengen countries or airports**, please consider when you plan you travel.



Health Care – Insurance Coverage

In case you are not a holder of an E-Card (European Health Care Insurance) please make sure to be covered by a full medical insurance for your stay in Austria. This is also one of the requirements for your visa application.

We do not have the capacity to assist you for health care requirements nor can we facilitate. In case you wish to take advantage of your stay in Austria to address personal medical needs, kindly make sure to plan and organise this outside the course.

Please note that the ACP is a non-governmental institution and has no authority over the visa processing or the immigration regulations.

The responsibility to process the visa request timely to secure a valid visa for the course participation is the sole responsibility of the participant (or her/his sending entity).

The ACP excludes liability for any costs resulting from an unsuccessful visa application, such as hotel or flight booking cancellation fees etc.