

Entry requirements as from **25.12.2021**

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1. Medical certificates, test results, vaccination certificates and recovery certificates

a. Medical certificates¹, test results, vaccination certificates and recovery certificates in Latin script in German or English serve to prove that the person named in the certificate was tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 against COVID-19 by a PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test, vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19.

b. Test results must include the first and last name of the person tested, date of birth, date and time of sampling, test result, signature of the person performing the test and stamp of the institution performing the test or a bar or QR code. Time of sampling when entering the country must not be more than 72 hours ago (PCR-, LAMP-, TMA-test).

In the case of entry as part of the regular commuter traffic for professional purposes, to participate in school and study, for family purposes or to visit the partner an Antigen-test (max. 24 h) is accepted as well.

c. Recovery certificates must confirm an infection that has been overcome in the last 180 days.

d. Vaccination certificates must meet the following requirements:

i. second vaccination, whereby this must not be more than 270 days ago and at least 14 days must have elapsed between this and the first vaccination, or

ii. 21 days have passed since vaccination in the case of vaccines for which only one vaccination is planned, whereby this must not be more than 270 days ago, or

iii. vaccination, provided that at least 21 days before the vaccination, a disease of COVID-19 was confirmed by means of a positive PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test for SARS-CoV-2 or proof of neutralizing antibodies, whereby the vaccination must not be more than 270 days ago, or

iv. further vaccination, whereby this must not be more than 270 days ago and between this and a vaccination in terms of points i. and iii. at least 120 days or a vaccination in terms of point ii. at least 14 days must have passed.

e. Following vaccines are recognized:

- i. Comirnaty/BNT162b2/Tozinameran (INN) from BioNtech/Pfizer (2 doses)
- ii. Covid-19 Vaccine Moderna/mRNA-1273 from Moderna (2 doses)
- iii. ChAdOx1_nCoV-19/ChAdOx1-S/AZD1222/Vaxzevria/ COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca from AstraZeneca, and Covishield from Serum Institute of India (2 doses)
- iv. COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen from Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Pharmaceuticals/Ad26.COVS.2 S Janssen (US + NL-Sites) (1 dose)
- v. Sinopharm / BIBP (Beijing Bio-Institute of Biological Products Co-Ltd.) SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (InCoV) (2 doses)
- vi. Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine, SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated (2 doses)
- vii. COVAXIN/BBV152 from Bharat Biotech International Ltd (2 doses)
- viii. COVOVAX/NVX-CoV2373 from Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd (2 doses)
- ix. NUVAXOVID/NVX-CoV2373 from Novavax CZ a.s. (2 doses)

2. Registration

- a. Before entering the country, people must register online at [HTTPS://ENTRY.PTC.GV.AT](https://entry.ptc.gv.at) (exemption: persons mentioned at point 4.a, 6 or 7) and present the confirmation of transmission upon entry. Commuters have to re-register no later than every 28 days or when their registration data changes.

3. Quarantine

- a. People who are obliged to quarantine have to be self-monitored at an existing place of residence (home quarantine) or in other suitable accommodation, the availability of which has to be confirmed upon entry. Accommodation costs are to be borne by yourself.
- b. The residence or accommodation must not be left during the quarantine period. Absolutely necessary ways to take advantage of a test are excluded.
- c. The quarantine can be ended prematurely for the purpose of leaving Austria if it is ensured that the risk of infection is minimized as much as possible when leaving Austria.

4. Entry into Austria

- a. Passengers entering Austria and who can prove that they have not been in any of the countries or areas mentioned under point 5. in the last 10 days can travel freely to Austria with a proof of vaccination or a proof of recovery AND a negative test result.
- b. If there is no negative test result, registration must be carried out and a **ten-day** quarantine must be commenced immediately. The quarantine is considered ended as soon as a negative test result is received. The costs for

the test are to be borne by yourself. The negative test result must be presented at a control.

- c. If there is no a vaccination or recovery certificate, registration must be carried out and a ten-day quarantine must be commenced immediately.

The quarantine is deemed to have ended if a test with a negative result is carried out on the fifth day after entry at the earliest.

5. Entry from Angola, Botswana, Denmark, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom, Zambia and Zimbabwe

- a. Entry from one of these states or areas and the entry of persons who have been in one of these states or areas within the last 10 days is prohibited.
- b. This does not apply to:
 - i. Austrian citizens, EU-/EEA-citizens and people who live with them in the same household,
 - ii. Swiss citizens 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 or Switzerland and people who live with them in the same household,
 - iv. foreigners, if they have a photo ID according to § 5 of the Official Seat Act - ASG,
 - v. 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 or the Asylum Act 2005 are,
 - vi. persons who have a confirmation of the application pursuant to Art. 18 Para. 1 of the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement),
 - 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. 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,
 - x. persons who enter to begin or continue their studies or for research,

- xi. persons who come to participate in school operations,
 - xii. persons who enter for business purposes,
 - xiii. humanitarian forces,
 - xiv. an accompanying person during entry for medical reasons,
 - xv. people who enter the country for the purpose of performing a mandatory judicial or official obligation, such as summoning to court hearings,
 - xvi. entry for unforeseeable, urgent reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle, such as in particular serious illnesses, deaths, funerals, births and the care of people in need of support in emergencies,
 - xvii. entry in connection with other important events that can be planned in the family circle, such as weddings, christenings, birthday parties or visits to the partner and
 - xviii. persons who have evidence according to point 1.d.iv and (a medical certificate of) a negative PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test result (max. 48 h).
- c. Persons mentioned at point b.i - b.xvii have to carry proof of vaccination or recovery AND additionally a negative test result or a medical certificate for the mentioned evidence, to register and immediately to commence a ten-day quarantine. The quarantine is deemed to have ended if a further test with a negative result is carried out on the fifth day after entry at the earliest. **This does not apply to persons according point b.xviii.**
- d. The quarantine obligation does not apply to entry for professional purposes to visit an international institution within the meaning of the Official Seat Act or in the mainly interest of the Republic of Austria, in particular in cultural or sporting terms, whereby this also applies to supervisors and trainers, and of persons in accordance with point b.iv and b.xiii - b.xvi.
- e. Transport companies must ensure, within the scope of their operational and technical possibilities, that the persons they transport from these states or areas into the federal territory of the Republic of Austria are informed about the requirements for entry and about the legal consequences of violations.
- f. Transport companies are not allowed to transport persons who are prohibited from entering the Federal Republic of Austria from these states or territories.

6. 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 service¹ 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 service must be presented.
- 7. **general exemptions**, regardless of where these people come from, apply to (no PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test for SARS-CoV-2 necessary, no quarantine, no registration):
 - a. to maintain goods and passenger traffic (crews), if the destination country is not Austria, the exit must be ensured,
 - 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, if departure is guaranteed,
 - f. the crew of a repatriation trip / a repatriation flight including the accompanying organs of the public security service,
- 8. **exemption from the obligation to carry a negative PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test result or a medical certificate of such a test result** when entering according to point 4.a and point 5.c, if a medical certificate¹ can be presented, which fulfills the following requirements:
 - a. confirmation of an infection with SARS-CoV-2 that occurred in the last 90 days and expired at the time the certificate is issued,
 - b. issuance no earlier than 14 days after the first detection or the beginning of symptoms,
 - c. no symptoms for at least 48 hours before the certificate is issued and
 - d. confirmation that, despite the presence of a positive molecular biological test result for SARS-CoV-2, based on the medical laboratory findings, it can be assumed that there is currently no risk of infection.
- 9. **The obligation to carry proof of vaccination or recovery according to point 4.a and point 5.c does not apply to**
 - a. People who cannot be vaccinated without endangering life or health,
 - b. Pregnant women,
 - c. Strangers, if they have a photo ID in accordance with Section 5 of the Official Seat Act, Federal Law Gazette I No. 54/2021,

- d. Persons who enter the country for the purpose of taking up employment as members of the staff of diplomatic missions, consular posts or as employees of international organizations, as well as the persons who live with them in the same household and
- e. People who visit an international institution within the meaning of Section 2 no. 1 of the Official Seat Act for professional purposes.

In the cases of points a and b, a medical certificate must be carried.

10. The obligation to carry a negative test result in addition to proof of vaccination or recovery does not apply to persons who have proof of a further vaccination (booster) according to point 1.d.iv.

11. As part of regular commuter traffic for professional purposes, to participate in school and study operations, for family purposes or to visit a partner, (a medical certificate of) an antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 (max. 24 h), with the exception of one for personal use, also entitles for entry.

12. Minors

- a. up to the age of 12 if travelling under supervision of an adult are exempted from any requirement. If the quarantine of the adult under whose supervision the minors are traveling is deemed to have ended, the quarantine for them is also deemed to have ended;
- b. from the age of 6 up to the age of 15, even if travelling alone, are exempted from requirement to be vaccinated or recovered and tested, if they can provide (medical certificates of) **at least 1 PCR-/LAMP-/TMA-test (72 h) or 1 Antigen-test (48 h), and subsequently comply with the provisions of the so-called Ninja-Pass².**

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

Documentation

- ¹: Forms: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ATFORMS](https://tinyurl.com/atforms)
- ²: Ninja-Pass: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ENNINYPASS](https://tinyurl.com/enninypass)
- Austrian Residence Permits: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RESIDENCEPERMITSAT21](https://tinyurl.com/residencepermitsat21)
- Registration: [HTTPS://ENTRY.PTC.GV.AT](https://entry.ptc.gv.at)

Hygiene regulations

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On board of coaches / trains / excursion ships / planes passengers have to wear a FFP2-mask without exhalation valve or a mask with at least equivalent standardized standard

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must be worn. The wearing of a mask does not apply to children up to the age of 6 and to persons who cannot be expected to wear the mask for health reasons.

Crew members have to be tested (antigen: 24 h, PCR/LAMP/TMA: 72 h) / recovered according point 1 of entry requirements / vaccinated according point 1 of entry requirements and to wear a FFP2-mask.

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.
