

## ENTRY AND RESIDENCE PERMIT ESPECIALLY FOR NATIONALS FROM „THIRD COUNTRIES“

(Not from the EU/EEA Countries or Switzerland)

Please click on the underlined text to get further information, which corresponds to your situation (you can also find this document available for download on our [homepage](#)), and also pay attention to the links on page 6!

Where do I come from?	EU/EEA or Swiss National	Other Countries („Third Country National“)	
What do I need BEFORE I enter Austria?	(No visa for entry required)	(Only for <a href="#">these countries</a> <sup>1</sup> no visa for entry required)	For all other countries:  Application for the <a href="#">Residence Permit for Student and Visa D</a> <sup>2</sup> required*
What do I need for my residence in Austria?	<a href="#">Registration of Residence</a> <sup>3</sup> and <a href="#">Registration Certificate for EU/EEA and Swiss Nationals</a> <sup>4</sup>	<a href="#">Residence Permit for Student</a> <sup>5</sup> and <a href="#">Registration of Residence</a> <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> The **visa free entry** is limited for most countries to a stay of 3 months\*. See also:

[https://oead.at/fileadmin/Dokumente/oead.at/KIM/Nach\\_Oesterreich/Einreise\\_und\\_Aufenthalt/Datenbank\\_Einreise\\_Aufenthalt/Infoblaetter/Englisch/Allgemeine\\_Info\\_-\\_Visumfreie\\_Einreise\\_en.pdf](https://oead.at/fileadmin/Dokumente/oead.at/KIM/Nach_Oesterreich/Einreise_und_Aufenthalt/Datenbank_Einreise_Aufenthalt/Infoblaetter/Englisch/Allgemeine_Info_-_Visumfreie_Einreise_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> You will need a “**Visa D**” for entering Austria and for taking the entrance exam! Therefore, please apply **in time** for the Residence Permit for Student (at least **3 months BEFORE the date of the entrance exam**, as you will have to wait in your country for the decision regarding your application)!

See here: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>

<sup>3</sup> Please look for further information about the **Registration of Residence** at our [homepage](#)

<sup>4</sup> Please look for further information about the **Registration Certificate for EU/EEA and Swiss Nationals** at our [homepage](#)

<sup>5</sup> In order to receive the **Residence Permit for Student**, you will have to submit (once more) all your documents after passing the entrance exam. The residence permit will then be issued in a check-card form. For further information see here: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>

\* Since 1 September 2018, a changed legal situation has come into force: see <https://oead.at/entry>

**HINT:** Due to BREXIT, new entry and residence regulations for British citizens apply since 1 January 2021. Further information: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/brexit>

## WHAT DO I HAVE TO CONSIDER?

### CLARIFY BEFORE YOUR ENTRY TO AUSTRIA:

Only if you are a citizen of one of the following countries (see [link](#) below) or if you already have a valid residence permit of another [Schengen Country](#) (see also the link below under "Further information", p. 6) you will be allowed to enter and reside in Austria for up to the respective maximum duration (usually 3 months) **without a visa**. You can find more information about the exemption from visa requirements [here](#)!

Students, who are allowed to enter Austria without a visa, are allowed to take the entrance exam and subsequently apply (in time!) for the **Residence Permit for Student** during the period of their visa-free stay in Austria.

### RESIDENCE PERMIT (FOR ENTRY WITHOUT VISA REQUIREMENTS)

People who are not nationals from the EU/EEA or Switzerland have to apply for a **Residence Permit for Student** for their residence in Austria (even if they are allowed to enter Austria without a visa). You can find more information here:


<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>.

You have to apply in person for your Residence Permit for Student within the duration of your visa-free period (usually 3 months) at the competent [Residence Authority](#) in Austria (for instance, the [Local Styrian Government](#)). The residence permit has to be **extended annually**.

In addition to this, you have to get your **Registration of Residence** ("[Meldezettel](#)")!

**HINT:** Here you can find information about the **annual renewal** (before it expires!) of the Residence Permit for Student: <https://bit.ly/3At3n9g>

**Please mind:** For this renewal, you have to, amongst other things, prove scholar success within a minimum of 8 semester hours per year, or 16 ECTS-Credits per academic year! (Cost of the application: €160,-)

 **NOTE:** It is highly recommended to do this application as soon as possible (within the duration of your visa-free period)!

## RESIDENCE PERMIT AND VISA D (FOR ENTRY WITH VISA REQUIREMENTS)\*

People who are **not** allowed to enter Austria visa-free, have to apply in the [Austrian Representations Authority](#) for a **Residence Permit for Student** as well as for a **“visa D”**, **in order to enter for the entrance exam** and become resident in Austria. More information about the required documents (you will receive the "conditional letter of admission" on request from our Registrar's Office) can be found here:

<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>.

The “visa D” has a validity period of 4 months and will be issued by the [Austrian Representations Authority](#) only after the positive handling of your application by the [Residence Authority](#) in Austria.


This “visa D” will allow you to travel to Austria and take the entrance exam. After passing the entrance exam, you will have to submit your **notification of admission** (which you can request in our Registrar's Office!) amongst other documents to the [Residence Authority](#) in Austria (for instance, the [Local Styrian Government](#)), in order to receive your Residence Permit for Students. You have to pick up your residence permit **within the validity period of your “visa D”** (4 months)!

The residence permit has to be **extended annually**.

In addition to this, you have to get your **Registration of Residence** ("[Meldezettel](#)")!

**HINT:** Here you can find information about the annual renewal (before it expires!) of the Residence Permit for Student: <https://bit.ly/3At3n9g>

**Please mind:** For this renewal, you have to, amongst other things, prove scholar success within a minimum of 8 semester hours per year, or 16 ECTS-Credits per academic year! (Cost of the application: €160,-)

 **NOTE:** It is highly recommended to do the application for Residence Permit / “visa D” as soon as possible (3 months before you enter the entrance exam) as well as pick up the Residence Permit for Students within the duration of the “visa D” (4 months)!

## You will need the following documents for the application of the Residence Permit for Students:

- Completed and signed [application form](#) for a Residence Permit for Student ("Aufenthaltsbewilligung Student").
- Recent **passport photo** sized 3.5 x 4.5 cm (not older than 6 months!)
- Valid **passport**
- Birth certificate**
- Notification of admission** from the Kunstuniversität Graz (can be requested in our [Registrar's Office](#))
- Proof of sufficient financial means** to finance your stay: Students up to the age of 24 have to prove at least € 613,16/month, students aged 24 and above have to prove at least € 1.110,26/month [as of 2023]. These amounts have to be proven for a maximum of 12 months, e.g. by means of a bank or savings account, that can be accessed from Austria, a confirmation of the award of a scholarship/grant, or similar. If the accommodation fees exceed € 327,91/month, additional funds must be proven.
- Proof of accommodation:** Rental contract, private accommodation agreement, or similar.
- Proof of sufficient health insurance** (travel medical insurance) must be valid from the entry to Austria to the beginning of your studies or the beginning of your student self-insurance. The registration for the student insurance ([Studierendenselbstversicherung](#) - in German language only!) at the Austrian national health insurance company ("[Österreichische Gesundheitskasse ÖGK](#)") has to be proven upon request of the Austrian Residence Authority.
- Police clearance certificate (not older than 3 months at the time of application!)

**Cost of the application: €160,-** (additional fees may arise)

### **HINT:**

You have to submit the original documents and provide photocopies. All documents have to be certified and documents in languages other than German have to be submitted together with a certified German translation!

You can find more information here: [www.kug.ac.at/admission](http://www.kug.ac.at/admission)

## Residence Authorities in Austria

### In Graz:

#### **Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung**

“Abteilung 3 – Referat Aufenthalts- und Sicherheitswesen“

Paulustorgasse 4, 8010 Graz

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**Office hours:** MO-THU: 8 am – 3 pm as well as FRI: 8 am – 12.30 pm and by appointment

### In Oberschützen:

#### **Bezirkshauptmannschaft Oberwart**

Hauptplatz 1

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## FURTHER INFORMATIONEN

- ✓ *More information on “Entry and Residence” on our homepage:*  
<https://www.kug.ac.at/en/studying/before-studying/study-internationally/international-regular-students-degree-seeking/entry-visa-residence/>
- ✓ *List of the EU/EEA countries:*  
<https://www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/content/99/Seite.991094.html> (German language only)
- ✓ *List of the Schengen countries:*  
<https://www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/content/99/Seite.991178.html> (German language only)
- ✓ *List of countries with visa-free entry (entry and residence for up to 3 months):*  
[https://oead.at/fileadmin/Dokumente/oead.at/KIM/Nach\\_Oesterreich/Einreise\\_und\\_Aufenthalt/Datenbank\\_Einreise\\_Aufenthalt/Infoblaetter/Englisch/Allgemeine\\_Info\\_-\\_Visumfreie\\_Einreise\\_en.pdf](https://oead.at/fileadmin/Dokumente/oead.at/KIM/Nach_Oesterreich/Einreise_und_Aufenthalt/Datenbank_Einreise_Aufenthalt/Infoblaetter/Englisch/Allgemeine_Info_-_Visumfreie_Einreise_en.pdf)
- ✓ *New entry and residence regulations for British citizens due to BREXIT*  
<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/brexit/>
- ✓ *Information on the application for the Residence Permit for Students:*  
<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/residence-permit-student-no-mobility-programme/>
- ✓ *Information for exchange students from third countries:*  
<https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/third-countries/student>
- ✓ *Homepage of the OeAD*  
<https://oead.at/en/>
- ✓ *Homepage of the Local Styrian Government*  
<http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at/cms/beitrag/11679890/75852120/> (German language only)



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