

Entry to Austria

Important information for applicants

Please note that there are different types of visa for your entry to Austria – it is crucial to be informed about the possibilities to avoid later troubles!

Residence permit for students

As a student from outside the European Union, you will need a residence permit for students. Application for that is only possible from your home country – but you can apply before passing the entrance examination, by using the **letter of provisory admission (Bescheid auf bedingte Zulassung)**.

If you pass the entrance examination, you can stay in Vienna and provide the evidence of your admission to the local authorities who will issue the final residence permit then.

Attention: The administration of your application for a residence permit can last up to six months! (normal duration about 3-4 months)

If you were not issued a residence permit three weeks before the date of entrance examination, you still have the possibility to apply for a tourist visa.

Tourist visa

If you come to Austria by a tourist visa, you will be forced **in any case** to return to your home country and apply for a residence permit for students from there.

Thus it is very likely that you will miss important parts of your courses, **we therefore strongly recommend that you apply early for a residence permit**, to avoid these problems.