

Austria



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From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

Entry from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country is possible without restrictions, provided that the COVID-19 in the country of origin is stable and that travellers have resided only in a specific set of countries, or in Austria, during the last 10 days.

The most updated information on the list of countries and regions affected is available at the [Austrian Health Ministry website](#) (in German only) and the tourist website [Austria.info](#)

Travellers from non affected areas (within EU Member States and Schengen Associated countries) are required to provide a health certificate not older than 72 hours, confirming a negative SARS-CoV-2 test, or they are required to undergo a 10-day quarantine.

Children up to the age of 10 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Third-country nationals may not enter the country, unless they are travelling from an EU Member State or Schengen associated country with a stable COVID-19 situation, or they are residents in one of these countries: **Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Uruguay**. Travellers under this category can enter Austria without restrictions.

Exceptions are also available for personnel of international organisations, diplomatic staff, humanitarian workers, nursing and health personnel, and seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism.

Third-country nationals have to provide a medical certificate proving a negative COVID-19 test result performed in the last 72 hours, and are obliged to undergo a 10-day self-quarantine. The quarantine can be ended if a PCR test, which is made in the meantime, provides a negative result.

Travellers may also enter "for reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle in individual cases".

Additional information: [FAQs in German](#)

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

19.01.2021

Covid-19 Update: New Entry Regulations in Austria

General Entry Conditions

- Every person entering Austria must complete a Pre-Travel Clearance Form before entering the country.(Exemptions below)

- The Online registration can be carried out in German or English and can be done via these two links in [DE](#) or [EN](#).

- Exceptionally, the new forms of [Annex E](#) or [Annex F](#) of the [Federal Law](#) can still be filled in, instead of the online registration.

- Persons coming from a country listed in [Annex A](#) (unless they fall under the exceptions of §§ 7 and 8), as well as children and adolescents, caregivers and business travellers, must also register.

- The amendments has entered into force from 15 January 2021.

- All other regulations remain unchanged.

Persons essential to guarantee the movement of goods and passengers remain exempted from the obligation to pre-register, to get tested or to go into quarantine. It is recommended to carry a [Green Lane Certificate](#). Transit passenger are also exempted providing they have not made one single stop in Austria.

Border controls with the Czech Republic and Slovakia were extended today until 07 February 2021.

Source: AISÖ

27.11.2020

Tyrol - Night ban on the Inntal motorway from 1 January 2020 (27 November 2020; 11:04)

Austria (27 November 2020)

Which journeys will be prohibited?

On a section of the A 12 Inntal motorway, journeys by certain heavy-duty vehicles will be prohibited during night hours.

The vehicle prohibition will be in force during the following hours:

- 1 May to 31 October: 10 pm to 5 am, Sundays and public holidays 11 pm to 5 am.
- 1 November to 30 April: 8 pm to 5 am, Sundays and public holidays 11 pm to 5 am.

The following vehicles will be affected by the IG-L - overnight prohibition:

- Heavy goods vehicles, articulated vehicles and self-propelled machines with a maximum authorised mass in excess of 7.5 t.
- Heavy goods vehicles with trailers and self-propelled machines with trailers, where the total of the maximum authorised masses of both vehicles is in excess of 7.5 t.

Where will the IG-L - overnight vehicle prohibition apply?

The IG-L overnight vehicle prohibition will apply in both directions on the section of the A 12 Inntal motorway between road distance 6.35 (km) in the Langkampfen local authority area and road distance 90.00 (km) in the Zirl local authority area.

Transit

Passengers that only transit Austria are not subject to the general entry restrictions, provided that they make no further stops in Austria.

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

Find out more:

[FAQs on travel and tourism \(www.sozialministerium.at\)](#)
[www.bmeia.gv.at](#)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

29.10.2020

Entry Restrictions

Entry from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. However, it is a **prerequisite that travellers have only been to these countries or in Austria within the last 10 days:**

Belgium, Bulgaria (except regions Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Dobrich, Gabrovo, Jambol, Kardzhali, Montana, Plovdiv, Rasgrad, Shumen, Sliven, Smoljan, Sofia, Stara Zagora, Targovishte, Varna), Croatia (only regions Brod-Posavina, Istria, Koprivnica-Križevci, Osijek-Baranja, Šibenik-Knin, Varaždin, Zadar), Cyprus, Czech Republic (except region Prague), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (except regions Île-de-France und Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal (except regions Lisbon and Norte), San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (only Canary Islands), Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican

The corresponding countries are also [listed by the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology](#)

Travellers from remaining areas within EU Member States and Schengen Associated countries, are required to provide a health certificate not older than 72 hours, confirming a negative SARS-CoV-2 test, or they are required to start a 10-day quarantine.

Children up to the age of 10 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

28.10.2020

Travellers from the following countries can enter or leave Austria without restrictions: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (only Canary Islands), Czech Republic, Hungary, Uruguay, Vatican and Cyprus. The regulation applies only to people who are residents in the listed countries or Austrian citizens. It is also a prerequisite that you have not been in any country other than Austria or those European countries in the past 10 days. You can find the latest provisions here: [www.sozialministerium.at](#)

Entry Restrictions

Will there be exceptions to the IG-L - overnight prohibition?

The Regulation has provision for exceptions for:

- Exception for heavy-duty vehicles of Euro class VI (NOx emissions not exceeding 0.4 g/kWh), provided that the vehicle's membership of this Euro class can be proven by means of vehicle marking in accordance with the IG-L - Emissions Class Marking Regulation BGBl. II no. 120 /2012, as last modified by Regulation BGBl. II no 272 /2014 or is proven by means of a document carried in the vehicle; which documents may be considered proof in this regard are specified with the Euro class vehicle prohibitions (see below) **and** loaded **or** unloaded in the core zone (source **or** destination in the core zone) **or** loaded **or** unloaded in the extended zone (destination and source in the extended zone (for zone delimitation see below) **or**
- only the section of the A 12 Inntal motorway between road distance 72.00 (km) in the Ampass local authority area and road distance 90.00 in the Zirl local authority area is used for the transport of goods (West-South traffic, e.g. transport on the A12/A13 from Vorarlberg to Italy).

further exceptions:

- Exception for journeys primarily involving the transport of perishable foodstuffs with a shelf life of just a few days or exclusively for transport of periodical printed materials
- Exception for journeys for the maintenance of urgent medical care;
- Exception for live animals transport.
- Exception for certain transport in forerun and on-carriage traffic;
- vehicles exclusively powered by an electric engine or vehicles with hydrogen and fuel cell technology

An application may also be made to the regional administrative authorities to be exempted from this vehicle prohibition on a case by case basis.

In addition, the statutory exceptions in accordance with Section 16, para. 2 IG-L apply.

i.e. for instance vehicles powered by a monovalent methane gas engine (natural gas vehicles NGV), vehicles exclusively powered by an electric engine and also plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) with a minimum range of 50 km when powered only by the electric engine, are generally exempt.

Core zone:

The core zone incorporates the political districts of Imst, Innsbruck (state), Innsbruck (city), Kufstein and Schwaz.

The following are within the expanded zone:

- Austria: the political districts of Kitzbühel, Landeck, Lienz, Reutte and Zell am See
- Germany: the districts of Bad Tölz-Wolfratshausen, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Miesbach, Rosenheim (incl. city) and Traunstein
- Italy: the communities of Eisacktal, Pustertal and Wipptal

Source: AISÖ

16.11.2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - updated situation in Austria (16 November 2020; 16:28)

Austria (16 November 2020)

Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed by the [Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology](#)

Travellers from remaining areas within EU Member States and Schengen Associated countries, are required to provide a health certificate not older than 72 hours, confirming a negative SARS-CoV-2 test, or they are required to start a 10-day quarantine.

Children up to the age of 10 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Travelling from Austria or returning to Austria

Due to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs urgently advises against all unnecessary trips, especially all vacation trips. Several [travel warnings regarding COVID-19](#) have been issued. Also more can be found on the Travel Information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can be found at www.bmeia.gv.at

Mandatory Travel Documentation

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

Transit

Passengers that only transit Austria are not subject to the general entry restrictions, provided that they make no further stops in Austria.

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

General measures

[Health cover for temporary stays](#)

Use of facemasks

A mask must be worn in certain areas: In grocery stores, public transport and taxis, during indoor events (except at the assigned seat), in cable cars, coaches and excursion boats, in gas stations, bank and post offices, in pharmacies, nursing homes and hospitals as well as in places where health and nursing services are provided and other services, if the 1 metre distance cannot be maintained or no other protective measures (e.g. plexiglass pane) are available. Special regulations apply to the federal states of Upper Austria and Carinthia.

Physical Distancing

When entering public places, people who do not live in the same household must be kept at a distance of at least one meter.

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

This information is a simplified and summarized presentation of the Covid-19 Emergency Measures Ordinance, which comes into force on November 17, 0:00 am and expires on December 6, 24:00 pm.

Curfew rule

The curfew rule (leaving private homes is only allowed for specific purposes) will be extended until 26 November and will now apply throughout the day (extension of the night-time curfew to a general curfew in principle).

Customer areas

It is prohibited to enter the customer area of business premises of retailers and service providers for the purpose of purchasing goods or using body related services (in particular hairdressers, beauticians, piercing, tattooing etc.). All other services remain permitted in principle. Deliveries are permitted, collections are not (except in the catering trade).

Remain open in particular:

Pharmacies, food stores, drugstores and drugstore chains, sale of medical and sanitary products, therapeutic appliances and aids, health and care services, services for people with disabilities, sale of pet food, petrol stations, banks, tobacconists, car repair shops, etc.

Places of work and places of professional activity:

When entering places of work, care must be taken to ensure that the professional activity is preferably carried out outside the place of work, provided that this is possible and employer and employee agree on the performance of work outside the place of work.

At public outdoor places, a minimum distance of one metre must always be kept from other people.

In public closed rooms, a close-fitting mechanical protective device (MNS mask) must be worn in addition to the minimum distance. Other protective devices ("face shields") are generally no longer permitted.

Are there special provisions concerning the transport of goods and merchandise?

The entire [COVID-19 entry regulation](#) does not apply to persons entering the country (note: even if they do not come from one of the states in [Annexes A and B](#)) if the entry is made to maintain the movement of goods and persons.

Truck driving bans will not be relaxed this time!

Source: AISÖ

21.10.2020

New COVID-19-related rules when entering Austria. Goods and passenger transport is exempt.

The Federal Official Journal (Bundesgesetzblatt) in Austria has published (15 October 2020) a new regulation of the Minister of Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, concerning the new COVID-19-related rules for those entering Austria. These rules entered into force on 17 October 2020 and will remain in force until 31 March 2021. According to the new rules, in general, persons coming from EU/EEA countries, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, the Vatican and the United Kingdom (§ 4) may enter without restrictions if:

1. The state/area they are coming from is listed in Annex A.
2. They can provide reasonable evidence upon entry that they have stayed exclusively in Austria or in a state or territory listed in Annex A within the last ten days.

Events without assigned seats are allowed with a maximum of 100 visitors outdoors, and 10 visitors indoors. Indoor events with assigned seats are allowed with a maximum of 1500 visitors. Events with assigned seats in the open air are allowed with a maximum of 3000 visitors. Events with more than 50 people in closed rooms and with more than 100 people in the open air, must have a COVID-19 prevention concept and a COVID-19 officer must be appointed. Events with more than 250 people, approval of the district administrative authority locally responsible for the event location is required.

It is announced that from 23.10.2020 indoor gatherings will be limited to six people, while outdoor gatherings will be reduced to 12. Funerals will be exempt from the rule.

Safety measures for public transportation

A mask must be worn in public transport and taxis and in case of large crowds.

Measures for places of worship

When entering public places, people who do not live in the same household must be kept at a distance of at least one meter. A mask must be worn in most places of worship.

Other measures

To respond to local outbreaks, states will be able to impose regional restrictions, including curfews.

Find out more:

[FAQs on travel and tourism \(www.sozialministerium.at\)](http://www.sozialministerium.at)
www.bmeia.gv.at

30.09.2020

Travelling to Austria

Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed in the [Entry Ordinance](#) and are currently: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France (except the regions of Île-de-France and Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur), Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal (except the regions of Lisbon and Norte), San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Canary Islands in Spain, Czech Republic (except the region of Prague), United Kingdom, Vatican and Cyprus. The regulation applies only to people who are residents in the listed countries or Austrian citizens. It is also a prerequisite that you have not been in any country other than Austria or those European countries in the past 10 days.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

Transit

Passengers that only transit Austria are not subject to the general entry restrictions, provided that they make no further stops in Austria.

An [entry and transit declaration](#) is required.

A detailed list of countries and exemptions can be found in Annexes A and B.

If points 1. and 2. above do not apply, then a medical certificate must be presented verifying that the person has had a negative Covid-19 test (§ 2 and Appendix C or D. The test must not have been taken more than 72 hours prior to entry).

These rules do not apply to those involved in freight and passenger transport operations (Article 8, paragraph 1).

Please also see the attached text of the regulation and relevant certificates in English and German.

Source: AISÖ



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Third-country nationals may not enter the country, with the exception of travellers from:

Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, and Uruguay.

The regulation applies only to people who are residents in the listed countries or Austrian citizens. It is also a prerequisite that you have not been in any country in the past 10 days other than Austria, or any of the countries for which there are no particular entry restrictions in place.

In general, there is also an exception for personnel of international organisations, diplomatic staff, humanitarian workers, nursing and health personnel, and seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism. These categories of people can enter the country with a medical certificate in [German](#) or [English](#). The medical certificate must provide a negative PCR test which was made no more than 72 hours previously. After entering the country, a 10-day period of quarantine at home or elsewhere has to be adhered to. The quarantine can be ended if a PCR test, which is made in the meantime, is negative.

Travellers may also enter "for reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle in individual cases".

Full information is available in the [ordinance on entry into Austria in connection with the containment of SARS-CoV-2](#)

25.08.2020

Travelling to Austria

Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed in Appendix A1 of the [Entry Ordinance](#) and are currently: Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (only the Canary Islands), Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus.

Travelling from Austria or returning to Austria

Travel Information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can be found at www.bmeia.gv.at

Third-country nationals may not enter the country, with the exception of personnel of international organisations, diplomatic staff, humanitarian workers, nursing and health personnel, and seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism.

These categories of people can enter the country with a medical certificate ([Annexes B](#) and [Annexes C](#)).

The medical certificate must provide a negative PCR test which was made no more than 72 hours previously. After entering the country, a 10-day period of quarantine at home or elsewhere has to be adhered to. The quarantine can be ended if a PCR test, which is made in the meantime, is negative.

Persons travelling in the context of commercial transport can enter the country with a medical certificate ([Annexes B](#) and [Annexes C](#)).

Travellers may also enter "for reasons that are particularly worthy of consideration in the family circle in individual cases".



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Full information is available in the [ordinance on entry into Austria in connection with the containment of SARS-CoV-2](#)

**Transit without further stops in Austria is allowed.
An entry and transit declaration is required.**

10.08.2020

Entering from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions.

Currently, travelling to and from EU countries is allowed without restrictions, with the exception of **Portugal, Sweden, Bulgaria, Romania and Spain (except Balearic Islands and Canary Islands)**.

Travelling to and from Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Andorra, Monaco, Vatican City State and the Republic of San Marino, is allowed without restrictions.

When entering from a country in which there is no stable COVID-19 situation, entry is possible with a health certificate ([Annex C](#)).

Rules and Exceptions

The prerequisite to enter Austria is that the traveller has only resided in countries with a stable COVID-19 situation in the past ten days and is resident or habitually resident in Austria or in one of these countries.

Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed in Appendix A1 of the Entry Ordinance and are currently (as of 10.08.2020): Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain - only the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands, Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus.

If the person has also been in other countries within the last 10 days, entry is possible either with a medical certificate confirming a negative PCR test (performed within 72 hours prior to entry) or by undergoing a 10-day (home) quarantine. A confirmation of accommodation must be presented and any costs incurred must be paid for by yourself. Quarantine can be terminated if a PCR test performed during the period is negative.

Children up to the age of 6 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

No

Specific measures for Austrian citizens returning to Austria

Country specific travel information are available at www.bmeia.gv.at



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26.06.2020

As of June 15, measures in Austria have been relaxed. People now only need to wear a mask on public transport and in the health sector, such as in pharmacies, hospitals etc.

Entry to Austria (generic rules)

As of 16 June, the following applies: People entering Austria from the Schengen area and from the European non-Schengen countries (Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus) must provide a medical certificate, in [German](#) or [English](#), proving that they have a negative COVID-PCR test result. The certificate must not be older than 4 days at the time of entry. As an alternative, a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation must be undertaken.

The entire regulation does not apply to people who enter Austria from the 32 European countries listed in [Annex A](#) and (cumulatively) have their residence or usual habitation in Austria or in one of these countries.

Entry from outside the Schengen area

Entry from a country with a stable COVID-19 situation is possible without restrictions. The corresponding countries are listed in [Appendix A1](#) of the Entry Ordinance and are currently (as of 27.07.2020): Andorra, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican, United Kingdom and Cyprus. If the person has also been in other countries within the last 10 days, entry is possible either with a medical certificate confirming a negative PCR test (performed within 72 hours prior to entry) or by undergoing a 10-day (home) quarantine. A confirmation of accommodation must be presented and any costs incurred must be paid for by yourself. Quarantine can be terminated if a PCR test performed during the period is negative.

Children up to the age of 6 are exempt from compulsory testing upon entry.

Links to relevant national sources
[FAQs on travel and tourism \(www.sozialministerium.at\)](#)
[www.bmeia.gv.at](#)

[Documents you need to travel in Europe](#)

Source: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/AUT>



Source: European Commission

22.07.2020

Entry requirements

Persons wishing to enter Austria from the Schengen Area or from Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican City, the United Kingdom or Cyprus must present a medical certificate on their state of health and show that the molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days when entering the country.

There are no restrictions if persons enter from the following countries, live in these countries and have resided only in these countries in the last 14 days: Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican City, Cyprus.

The entry of third-country nationals from outside the EU and Schengen area not mentioned above is prohibited.

Start date: 16.06.2020

End date: 30.09.2020

More info:
<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Informationen-zum-Coronavirus/Coronav..>

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

Measures when entering Austria by air

People entering Austria must provide a medical certificate in [German](#) or [English](#) confirming a negative COVID-PCR test result (certificate must be not older than 4 days at entry) or undertake a 14-day self-monitored home quarantine or quarantine in a suitable accommodation (If quarantine is refused, entry will be prohibited). There is the possibility of free-testing during quarantine. The quarantine may be interrupted only in case an immediate departure from Austria is ensured. These provisions apply to: Austrian citizens, EU/EEA citizens, Swiss citizens and members of their families living in the same household, holders of an Austrian visa D or a photo identification card, in accordance with § 95 FPG (photo identification for holders of privileges and immunities in Austria) or persons with a right of residence or documentation of the right of residence, in accordance with the Austrian Settlement and Residence Act or the Austrian Asylum Act, which authorises them to stay in Austria.

The following categories of third country nationals are allowed to enter the country from anywhere (whether or not they come from the Schengen area or from Andorra, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Monaco, Romania, San Marino, Vatican City, the United Kingdom and Cyprus):

- Members of staff from diplomatic missions and members of their families living in the same household.
- Employees of international organisations and members of their families living in the same household.
- Humanitarian aid workers.
- Nursing and health personnel.
- Seasonal workers in agriculture, forestry and tourism.
- Passengers in transit.
- Drivers engaged in freight transport.

Exemptions from testing and quarantine requirements

Upon entry, individuals are exempt from testing or quarantine requirements in case they are carrying out one of the following:

- Goods transport operations.
- Commercial transport operations.
- Repatriation trip or flight.
- Transfer journey or flight.

Driving bans

With effect from 18 May, weekend and holiday driving bans for trucks over 7.5 t and trucks with trailers, has been reapplied. As of today, AISÖ has not received information concerning a summer driving ban calendar. Subject to neighbouring countries' behaviour, it is possible that, at best, a very short calendar could be issued.

Restrictions at borders

Austria - Italy

Since 16 June, Austria has opened its borders with Italy. All border crossings between Austria and Italy are open again. From this date, neither a negative SARS-CoV-2 test nor a 14 quarantine is required. Sporadic border controls continue to be carried out.

Austria - Germany

Coming from Germany, entry into Austria has been possible since 4 June, without the obligation to have a medical certificate or the obligation to quarantine at home. There are no systematic border controls being carried out.

Austria - Switzerland

Since 4 June, complete freedom of travel between Austria and Switzerland has been restored.

Austria - Hungary

1. After arrival by air to Austria, Austrian citizens, EEA-/EU-citizens, Swiss nationals as well as family members of these persons living in the same household and foreigners holding a Visa D published by Austria or foreigners holding an Austrian residence permit or a documentation of the right of residence according Austrian settlement and residence law or asylum law or aliens police law immediately have to start a 14-day self-monitored home-quarantine and to confirm this by signature, unless their immediate departure is ensured. If self-monitored home-quarantine cannot be ensured, these persons will be accommodated for 14 days which must not be left, unless their immediate departure is ensured. Quarantine can be quit if a molecular biological of sars-cov-2, performed during the quarantine, is negative. Austrian citizens, EEA-/EU-citizens or Swiss nationals providing a molecular biological of SARS-CoV-2, which is negative and is not older than 4 days, do not need to start home-quarantine or quarantine.
2. Third-country nationals (see note 1) not covered by 1) are not allowed to enter Austria from outside the Schengen area. Exempted are staff of diplomatic missions as well as family members of these employees if living in the same household, humanitarian forces, nursing and health workers, seasonal workers in the field of agriculture and forestry, transit passengers as well as persons working in the area of transport of goods.
3. Third-country nationals (see note 1) entering Austria from the Schengen area and staff of diplomatic missions as well as family members of these employees if living in the same household, humanitarian forces, nursing and health workers, seasonal workers in the field of agriculture and forestry, transit passengers as well as persons working in the area of transport of goods are only allowed to enter Austria by air if they can provide a medical certificate in German or English confirming that a molecular biological of SARS-CoV-2 is negative and is not older than 4 days. If the certificate cannot be provided these persons will be accommodated for 14 days, unless there immediate departure is ensured. Quarantine can be quit if a molecular biological of sars-cov-2, performed during the quarantine, is negative.
4. This decree does not apply to crews of passenger, cargo, rescue and ambulance, repatriation or ferry /positioning flights as well as for aviation personnel, which is repositioned to maintain operations, for members of the Austrian armed forces who return from missions abroad, for persons who enter Austria for the imperative interest of Austria as well as for reasons worth considering in the family circle, which has to be made credible at control.

Note 1: Third-country nationals are nationals from all remaining states except Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherland, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden as well as United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

Start date: 20.03.2020

End date: 15.06.2020

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

Since 5 June, there are no more border controls. However, border crossings between Austria (AT) and Hungary (HU) are only permitted at these official border crossing points: Klagenfurt, Deutschkreuz, Nickelsdorf and Heiligenkreuz. Commercial traffic between AT and HU is not subject to restrictions anymore.

Austria-Slovenia:

All border crossings between Austria and Slovenia are open again, but only Slovenian and Austrian citizens are allowed to use them. All other citizens may only use the following border crossing points: Karawanken Tunnel, Loibltunnel and Spielberg Motorway, as well as Spielfeld Bahnhof, which only relevant to rail traffic.

The regulations are not applicable to the transport of goods or the carriage of goods. Freight transport runs smoothly across all open border crossings with the Republic of Slovenia; as long as the relevant documentation (order and delivery documents, note documents, driver's passport or ID card and proof of employment) are available.

Austria - Slovakia

Borders are open and freedom of travel between Austria and Slovakia is restored. Since 4 June, individuals are free to enter Austria from Slovakia.

Austria-Liechtenstein

Since 4 June, border controls and health checks have been discontinued

Austria-Czech Republic:

All border crossings between Austria and the Czech Republic are open.

Source: AISÖ

04.06.2020

On 3 June, the Austrian government published decree [BGBl. II No. 253/2020](#), which lifts temporary border controls at the internal borders with Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Border controls are maintained at the border with Italy.

Source: AISÖ

18.05.2020

With effect from 18 May, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5t and trucks with trailers, has been reappplied.

Source: AISÖ

06.05.2020

On 6 May, the Austrian Government [extended](#) controls at border crossing points with Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany **until 31 May**.

Source: AISÖ

05.05.2020

Following recent updates on prolongation of controls at the Austrian border, AISÖ has provided further details on the current situation in Austria.



Reintroduction of border controls on the internal border to Italy (10.03.2020)

Entry into AT from there is only possible with a health certificate (not older than 4 days) or when admitting into 2 week home quarantine; transit without further stops in Austria is allowed. Exceptions for cargo and cross-border workers.

Start date: 10.03.2020

End date: 10 days from starting date

Reintroduction of border controls on the internal border to Liechtenstein and Switzerland

Entry into AT from there is only possible with a health certificate (not older than 4 days) or when admitting into 2 week home quarantine; transit without further stops in Austria is allowed. Exceptions for cargo and cross-border workers.

Start date: 14.03.2020

End date: 10 days from starting date

Suspension of flights and passenger trains; rail service restrictions

Stop of all direct flights (from IT, ES, FR, NL, UK, CH, IR, KO, PRC, RU and UKR) and passenger trains from IT, CZ, SK, SI, CH)

End date: not available

Temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods

Austria has agreed to a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for the drivers of vehicles transporting goods. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. It will apply to those drivers involved in the delivery of goods domestically and internationally.

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: 14.04.2020

Lift of weekend traffic ban

Austria notified the Commission that it suspended the weekend traffic ban for >7.5 tonne vehicles.

End date: not available

Contact information:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/dam/jcr:a37c0451-29fe-4509-bc16-fabd5006ebd1/VO%20Vor%C3%BCbergehende%20Wiedereinf%C3%BChrung%20von%20Grenzkontrollen%20Italien.pdf>

<https://infothek.bmvit.gv.at/coronavirus-reisehinweise-aktuelle-informationen/>

<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/>

On the border with Italy, smaller border crossing points are [closed](#). Open border crossings are: Brenner, Sillian, Reschenpass and Thörl-Maglern. Traffic can be monitored via webcams [here](#).

On the border with Switzerland, the following border crossings are open:

- Tirol – Pfunds (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Mäder (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Lustenau (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Hohenems (Goods/passenger traffic)
- Vorarlberg – Wohlfurt (Goods traffic)

On the border with Hungary, traffic can be monitored via webcams [here](#) and [here](#).

On the border with Slovakia, the following border crossings are open for goods transport.

- Kittsee – Bratislava/Jarovce
- Hohenau – Moravský Svätý Ján (between 05:00 - 24:00 also trucks up to 7.5t)

On the border with the Czech Republic, Czech commuters entering Austria must have the following documents:

- [Austrian commuter certificate](#)
- Travel documents (best: passport)
- Further recommended: Copy of the employment contract

Drivers and companies are advised that double manning is permitted, provided that appropriate safety distances (1m), masks and the general COVID-19 rules of conduct are observed. It is mandatory to wear a mask in public places (when entering service stations, toilet facilities, petrol stations – inside).

Source: AISÖ

21.04.2020

On 21 April, AISÖ confirmed that the weekend traffic ban for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 17 May.

Source: AISÖ

15.04.2020

On 10 April, the Austrian Government granted a further [relaxation](#) of driving and rest time rules. The following relaxations apply to national and international transport from 14 April until 15 May:

- Art. 6.1: replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours.
- Art. 6.2: replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours.
- Art. 6.3: replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours.

Relaxations set out by the previous decree are no longer in place.

Source: ITF

09.04.2020

On 6 April 2020, AISÖ confirmed that in Austria, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 19 April 2020. However, members should be aware that the sectoral driving bans currently in place in the Tyrol region will remain valid.

25.03.2020

The Ministry of Social Affairs has issued a [new regulation](#) which restricts the entry into Austria from land border crossing points of those persons living in or transiting from the following neighbouring countries:

- Italy
- Switzerland
- Liechtenstein
- Germany
- Hungary
- Slovenia

Those wanting to enter Austria must present a [medical certificate](#) that can be filled out in German, English or Italian, which proves that their test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days at the time of entry, otherwise the authorities may refuse entry.

This regulation does not apply to freight or commuter traffic. This regulation came into force on 20.3.2020.

Source: AISÖ

24.03.2020

Tyrol has issued another Regulation ([attached in German only](#)). This Regulation extends the existing measures to 12 April 2020.

In order to prevent the further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is prohibited to enter public places on the entire national territory, while security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods for all municipalities has been guaranteed.

Some of the most important provisions are contained in paragraph 3 of the new Regulation:

- 1) The entrance to and departure from the municipalities within Tyrolean territory shall be prohibited.
- 2) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to:

General trips by suppliers (e.g. food transport) and provision of general services (e.g. road service, waste collection, service companies, public administration, public road and rail transport).

Supply-critical public infrastructure (e.g. electricity and water supply).

- 3) In order to ensure the security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods, transit through municipalities on Austrian territory is permitted.

Source: AISÖ

Throughout Austria, the weekend traffic ban for heavy goods vehicles above 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 3 April 2020 with immediate effect. This measure has been discussed and coordinated with Italy and Bavaria in order to avoid border waiting times as much as possible.

The driving bans for trucks over 7.5 tonnes to the Klagenfurt and Deutschkreutz (Burgenland) border crossings have also been lifted to relieve [pressure from the Nickelsdorf border point](#).

At the Austria-Hungarian border:

- Border crossings to be used by international freight traffic departing from or ending in Hungary:

o Hegyeshalom / Nickelsdorf.

o Sopron / Klingenbach (transiting vehicles over 7.5t allowed until 05:00 on 20 March).

o Kópháza / Deutschkreutz (transiting vehicles over 7.5t allowed until 05:00 on 20 March; vehicles over 7.5t with Austrian or Hungarian licence plates permitted until 00:00 on 23 March).

o Rábafüzes / Heiligenkreuz

- Border crossings to be used by AT-HUN bilateral freight transport (in addition to the three mentioned above):

o Bucusu / Schachendorf.

o Koszeg / Rattersdorf.

o Rábafüzes / Heiligenkreuz.

In addition, the government has announced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers in order to eliminate bottlenecks caused by the current crisis. The measures lifted are those in Articles 6 to 9 of the [EU Regulation No. 561/2006](#). This exception applies from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;

- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;

- Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours;

- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;

- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;

- Art. 8(6): Weekly rest period of at least 24 hours after six 24-hour periods.

Further details can be found in the [Regulation](#).

Source: AISÖ