



Austria Working Holiday

Comprehensive Guide to Requirements and Application Process

Core Requirements

Understanding the fundamental eligibility criteria before applying.

Universal Criteria



Age Requirement

Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years old (inclusive) at the time of application.

Exception: Canadian citizens can apply up to age 35.



Consular Costs

A standard consular fee of €197 is required. Additional expenses may incur for official translations, legalizations, and apostilles.



Education Level

Varies widely. Countries like Argentina and USA have no requirement, while Australia requires a tertiary degree or two years of university.

Proof of Funds

- Provide official bank statements covering the last 3 to 6 months.
- The account must be strictly in your name (guarantors allowed only for specific nationalities).
- Funds must show immediate liquidity. Fixed-term deposits or blocked investments are rejected.
- Required amounts vary between €1,500 and €2,500 depending on your passport.
- Additional funds must be demonstrated if you do not have a purchased return flight ticket.



Extensions & Studies

Visa Extension Policy

The maximum stay is generally 12 months (Taiwan initially receives 6 months). The Working Holiday Visa cannot be extended internally. Upon expiry, you must leave the Schengen Area or apply for a different residence permit from outside Austria.

Study Limitations

The visa permits enrollment only in language courses or short-term technical training lasting up to 6 months. Enrolling in or pursuing full university degree programs is strictly prohibited under this specific migratory status.

Additional Documents



Medical Exams

No physical health certificates or specific vaccinations are required. This requirement is completely fulfilled by the mandatory travel health insurance.



Police Records

A criminal background check is mandatory for almost all nationalities. The certificate must be properly apostilled to hold international validity.



Translations

Any document not originally issued in English or German (like local police records) will require a certified public translation and additional legalization.

Mandatory Insurance

Strict Coverage Rules

Comprehensive travel insurance is a strict, mandatory requirement for all nationalities, covering 100% of the planned stay in Austria.

The minimum coverage demanded by the consulate is €30,000. It must explicitly state coverage for medical repatriation and funeral repatriation. Unlike other destinations, this is an exclusionary requirement for visa approval.



Country Details



Specific quotas, funding, and demand by
nationality.

Quotas by Nationality

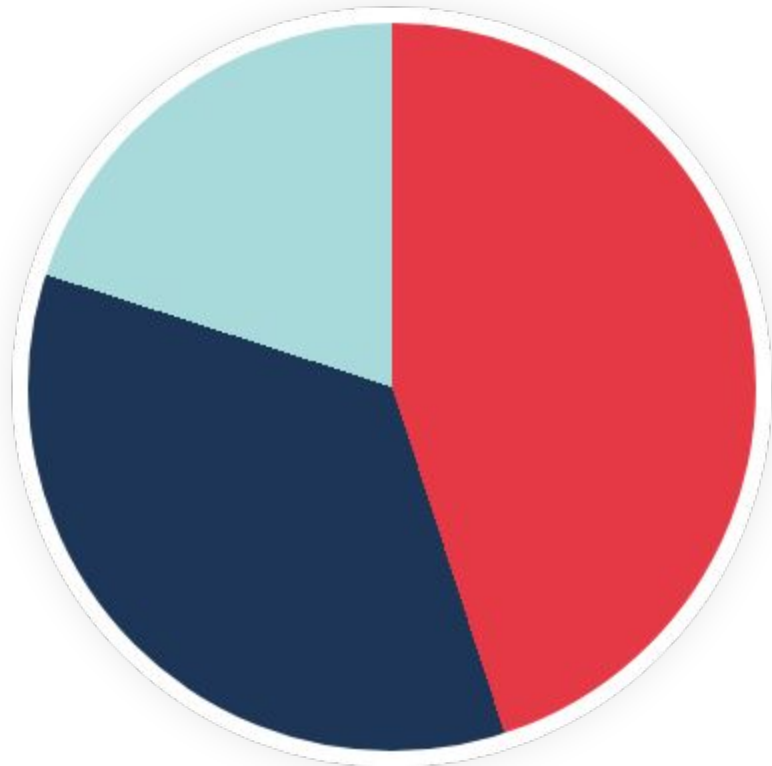
Nationality	Available Quotas	Required Funds	Postulation Date
Argentina	200	€ 2,500	From January
Chile	200	€ 1,500	From January
Canada	160 to 200	\$ 2,500 CAD	All Year
Australia	500	€ 1,500	From January
Japan	200	€ 2,000	From January

Required Funds (EUR)



Note: Financial requirements vary significantly. Applicants from Argentina and Taiwan face the highest liquidity demands, while countries like the USA and Chile require substantially less.

Quota Demand Overview



- High (Sold out in hours/days) – Arg, Chile
- Moderate (Lasts months) – Kor, Jpn, Isr
- Steady (Available all year) – Canada

Application Process

- The application process is entirely in-person; it is not fully digital.
- Applicants must schedule a prior appointment at the Austrian embassy or consulate corresponding to their jurisdiction.
- During the appointment, you must present a complete physical folder with all required documentation.
- Once submitted and validated, the average processing time for visa approval is 2 to 4 weeks.



Official Checklist

- ✓ **Visa D Form:** Must be fully completed and originally signed.
- ✓ **Valid Passport:** Original, valid for at least 3 months after the planned trip.
- ✓ **Photographs:** Two recent photos with a white background (3.5 x 4.5 cm).
- ✓ **Medical Insurance:** Minimum €30,000 coverage including full repatriation.
- ✓ **Police Records:** Certificate duly apostilled (and translated if required).
- ✓ **Proof of Funds:** 3 to 6 months of official bank statements.
- ✓ **Flights:** Return ticket purchased, or additional funds demonstrated to buy one.

Application Timeline



Q2 - Processing

Execute public translations and book the consular appointment

Q4 - Departure

Receive visa approval (2-4 weeks), purchase flights, and travel to Austria.

Q1 - Preparation

Gather official bank statements, request police records, and manage Apostilles.

Q3 - Submission

Attend the in-person consular interview with the physical folder and pay the €197 fee.

Questions?

Prepare your documents, gather your funds, and get ready for an unforgettable adventure
in Central Europe!

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