Work and Holiday Visa Arrangement between Austria and Australia

Under the Work and Holiday Visa (WHV) Arrangement between Austria and Australia, **Australian citizens aged between 18 and 30 years** have the opportunity to **work and holiday in Austria for up to one year**. Applications for an Austrian WHV may be submitted to **VFS Australia**, to the Austrian Embassy in Canberra or – during their lawful stay in the EU or Switzerland – to the Austrian Consulate General in Munich or the Austrian Embassy in Ljubljana, Bratislava or London.

**To be eligible** you must

- have the primary intention to holiday in Austria, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit
- hold an Australian passport that is valid for at least three months after your departure from Austria
- be aged between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years, both inclusive, at the time of application
- hold tertiary qualifications or of having successfully completed at least two (2) years of higher education
- have sufficient funds for your maintenance during the initial period of stay in Austria
- hold a return ticket or show sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket
- have adequate travel and health insurance that covers all risks and is effective for the entire period of stay in Austria

**You must not**

- be accompanied by children or other dependents
- have previously held a WHV under an Austrian working holiday scheme
- have previously been expelled by a Schengen country and/or be considered as a threat to public order, internal security or public health

**Documents required** for the application

- “Austrian Visa D” application form for stays of up to 12 months
- Passport sized photo compliant with ICAO standards (not older than six months)
- Australian passport that is valid for at least three months after your departure from Austria
- Proof of adequate travel and health insurance for the entire period of stay (must meet criteria for Schengen visa)
- Proof of sufficient financial means (minimum equivalent of EUR 1500) for your maintenance for the initial period of stay in Austria (original bank statements with banking history, etc.)
- Flight ticket or at least reservation
- Letter of Australian government support
- Evidence of holding tertiary qualifications or of having successfully completed at least two (2) years of higher education

WHV applications must be **lodged in person** no earlier than 3 months before the arrival date in Austria. All mandatory documents must be submitted at the time of application (incomplete applications are not acceptable). Consular fees and visa service provider fees charged by VFS Australia, if applicable, are due at the time of application.