Working Holiday Visa Agreement between Austria and New Zealand

The Working Holiday Visa Agreement (WHVA) between Austria and New Zealand has entered into force on 18 April 2012.

According to this agreement New Zealand citizens between 18 and 30 years of age (at the time of application) are to apply for an Austrian WHV through an Austrian Consulate in New Zealand or the Austrian Embassy in Canberra. During the legal stay in the EU or Switzerland this application can also be lodged through the Austrian Embassy or Consulate in Bern, Berlin, London, Milan, Munich or Bratislava.

The application has to be lodged in person. All necessary documents have to be submitted at the time of application.

To be eligible
You must:

- have a New Zealand passport that is valid for at least three months after your intended departure from Austria
- be at least 18 and not more than 30 years old
- not bring children with you
- hold a return ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket
- have a minimum of EUR 1.500,-- available to meet your living costs for the first period of your stay
- hold travel health insurance for the length of your stay (the Schengen-regulations regarding insurance cover apply)
- come to Austria for holidaying, with work or study being secondary intentions for your visit
- not have been approved a visa under a working holiday scheme before.
- not have been expelled by a Schengen-country previously

Documents required for the application:

- “Schengen-visa” application form
- Biometric passport picture
- Valid New Zealand passport
- Proof of Travel Health Insurance for the entire time spent in Austria (must meet Schengen criteria)
• Proof of sufficient financial means for the first period of entry (original bank statements with banking history, Travellers Cheques etc.)
• Flight tickets *)
• Consular Fees (equivalent of EUR 150,-)

*) According to the Schengen-Visa Codex New Zealand citizens are entitled to travel an additional 90 days visa-free throughout the Schengen-region (excluding Austria) after the Austrian visa expires (you must not re-enter Austria for at least 6 months after the WHV expires).

The return flight can therefore be booked either from Austria at the time the 6-months visa is due to expire or from another Schengen-country no longer than 90 days after expiry of the Austrian Working Holiday Visa.