

Visa for Cultural, Sports or Religious Events, Checklist

SNo.	Documentation	YES	NO	N/A
1	Application form: fully completed in English or German language and signed by the applicant			
2	Passport: (a) its validity shall extend at least three months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States or, in the case of several visits, after the last intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States; (b) it shall contain at least two blank pages; (c) it shall have been issued within the previous 10 years; (d) no alteration or handwritten amendment concerning the data page			
3	Two photographs: shall be in accordance with the international standards as set out in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)			
4	Valid permit to return (if applicable) e.g. valid Indian Residency Permit or return visa to India for citizens of Bangladesh / Bhutan / India / Maldives / Nepal / Sri Lanka. For Tibetans travelling on Indian IC (yellow Identity Certificate) it is mandatory to hold a Return Visa (valid until at least three months after your intended return to India) apart from the stamped entry "No objection to return to India" (NORI) in the IC.			
5	Travel medical insurance shall be valid throughout the territory of the Member States and cover the entire period of the person's intended stay or transit. The minimum coverage shall be EUR 30 000. Applicants for a uniform visa for multiple entries may prove that they are in possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance covering the period of their first intended visit. In addition a statement, declaring the awareness of the need to be in possession of travel medical insurance for subsequent stays, has to be signed.			
6	Round-trip flight reservations - travel itinerary: airline reservation and proof of other means of travel within Austria/EU in case of onward travel			
7	Cover letter explaining the purpose of the trip (letter must confirm identity of applicant, place and period of intended stay)			
8	Invitation letter from the Austrian partner, entry tickets or enrolment letter of programs			
9	Proof of accommodation: Hotel reservation in Austria and other EU Member State in case of onward travel (or 7) or 14)			
10	Employed: Salary certificate of the last three (3) months of present occupation and employment contract			
11	Self-employed: a letter from lawyer / chartered accountant / Confirmation of Chamber of Commerce concerning evidence of established business, certificate of registration of company			
12	Proof of funds: Original bank statements for the last three (3) months and / or other financial resources			
13	ITR: Income Tax Acknowledgement / ITR-V for the last three (3) years			
14	Electronic letter of guarantee - "EVE" or "GVE" - Elektronische Verpflichtungserklärung" or Generalverpflichtungserklärung http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/BMI_Fremdenpolizei/einreise_visum/Visum_6.aspx (to be obtained from the Austrian business with the competent „Fremdenpolizeibehörde“ at the appropriate regional office in Austria (if applicable) or in case of GVE at the Austrian Ministry of Interior			
15	Minor travelers: a) a minor accompanied by one parent shall provide a Original <u>notarized</u> NOC by the other parent , plus copies of parents passports or ID b) a minor travelling alone shall provide a Original <u>notarized</u> NOC by both parents / legal guardians, plus copies of parents passports or ID			
16	Copy of the present passport (data pages, pages with evidence of previous visa, travel)			
17	Original(s) of previous passport(s) or proof of loss			

Important Notes:

- Before applying consider the duration of stay. If applicant intends to stay longer than 6 (six) months, Residence Permit ("Aufenthaltstitel") has to be applied for. Visa "C" can be applied for with validity for up to 90 days, Visa "D" between 91 and 180 days. Visa in both categories cannot be extended or renewed in Austria.
- Any representative shall provide an original letter of authorization from the applicant bearing the name of the representative and its organization / company. A copy of a valid photo ID shall be attached to the application.
- The applicant bears responsibility concerning all content of the application.
- Applications cannot be submitted more than 3 months prior to departure.

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- *Processing can take up to 15 calendar days after receiving the application. Status queries will be responded after the above time frame only and shall be primarily addressed to the VFS-office of application or by e-mail to: NEW-DELHI-KA@bmeia.gv.at*
- *In case an application is lodged less than 15 calendar days before departure, a timely completion of the visa process cannot be guaranteed.*
- *However, in individual cases, that period may be extended up to 30 calendar days in, particularly when further scrutiny of the application is needed. In case the authorities of the Member State are consulted or additional documentation is needed, this period may be extended up to a maximum of 60 calendar days.*
- *The applicant voluntarily agrees to avail the services of VFS Global Services Pvt. Ltd. to apply for a Schengen Visa at the Austrian Desk.*
- *Applicant are advised that during the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases request additional documents in accordance with Article 21 (8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas. The Embassy may call applicants for an interview if deemed necessary.*
- *The applicant and/or its authorized representative declare being advised to submit full documentation according above checklist and that submission of incomplete or faulty documentation can be a reason for refusal of the application.*

Applicant

Applicant Signature.....

Representative

VFS Staff Name

Passport

Date.....

Signature

Signature