

FACT SHEET

Austrian-Australian Bilateral Agreement On Visa Free Short Stays

The Austrian-Australian Bilateral Agreement on Visa Free Short Stays is still in force. The Agreement enables Australian citizens to enter and to remain in **AUSTRIA for up to 90 days without a visa**, provided they

- hold a biometric Australian passport valid for at least 3 months after their departure,
- do not enter with the intention of staying in Austria for longer than 90 days, and
- do not enter with the intention of entering into gainful employment or occupation.

This applies irrespective of the visa free stay of 90 days in 180 days that Australian citizens are entitled to spend, and have previously spent, in the Schengen area.

There are, however, certain requirements to be adhered to and aspects to be taken into consideration when planning to enter **Austria** under the Bilateral Agreement following a visa free stay in the Schengen area:

- You must exit the Schengen area before re-entering Austria
- You must enter Austria directly (no transit through a third country)
- You may be required to provide **evidence of (the duration of) your previous lawful stay** (*e.g.* entry and departure stamps in your passport, hotel invoices, *etc.*)
- You must not misuse the Bilateral Agreement to avoid Austrian immigration laws
- Other Schengen member states may not honour the Agreement
- Overstaying your 90 day period may result in a fine and a subsequent entry ban

Please note:

The decision on your entry is ultimately up to the competent border forces which may require you to present proof of your identity and evidence of your lawful stay at any time. The Austrian Embassy in Canberra cannot anticipate the competent border forces' decision.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

For how long must I exit the Schengen area before I am permitted to re-enter Austria under the Bilateral Agreement?

There is no prescribed period of time that a person must spend outside the Schengen area before the person is permitted to re-enter Austria under the Bilateral Agreement. Any exit of the Schengen area, however, that serves the sole purpose of re-entering Austria under the Bilateral Agreement, may be regarded as a misuse of Austrian immigration laws

Where can I get more information?

Please contact the competent Austrian [Federal Ministry of the Interior](#) for more information.

Where can I get information on bilateral visa waiver agreements with other Schengen countries?

Please contact the nearest diplomatic representation of the country in question.