

## VISA INFORMATION

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### General Information

Nationals of EU member states, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland do not require a visa for entering the Republic of Austria. All other nationals require a visa in order to enter the Schengen Area or the Austrian territory. For stays of up to 90 days per 180 days these individuals require a Schengen visa, given that they do not take up employment.

Nationals of countries which signed bilateral or multilateral agreements on the abolition of visa requirement, are visa-free if they stay in Austria for a maximum period of 90 days and do not take up employment.

Nationals of Montenegro holding a biometric passport are entitled to a visa-free stay in the Schengen area for 90 days within 180 days.

### Applications

With regards to visa modalities, we would like to inform you that it is important to apply for your visa at an early stage. Visa applications can be processed at the earliest three months prior to the start of the journey and they should be submitted at the latest three weeks ahead of the start of the journey.

Schengen visas have to be applied for at the relevant Austrian representation, which is competent for the residency of the applicant. In case that there is no representation of Austria in the home country of the applicant, it is also possible to request a Schengen visa at a Schengen embassy that is representing Austria.

### Visa Fees

A decision on a visa application is only possible after the payment of the consular fee and the submission of all documents requested by the consulate. The fee for a visa application for a period of validity of up to 90 days is in general 60 Euro. For children between 6 and 12 years and nationals of Russia, Armenia, Georgia, Kosovo and Ukraine the fee is 35 Euro. The administrative fee has to be paid on application and is not reimbursed in case of rejection.

The Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs agreed to waive the visa fees for registered EuroSkills 2020 participants from the WSE Member Countries.

### Visa Support provided by the EuroSkills 2020 GmbH

To support the visa application the EuroSkills 2020 GmbH will issue an Official Invitation Letter. To request an Official Invitation letter please contact the Member Support Team of EuroSkills 2020 via [member.support@euroskills2020.at](mailto:member.support@euroskills2020.at).

The letters will be issued after the full payment of the package fee has been received.

They will be emailed to you via Member Support. CPM participants will be required to obtain their own visa at their own expense. The Official Invitation Letter only acts as a supporting document. Please note that the decision to issue or refuse a visa is at the sole discretion of the relevant Austrian representation.

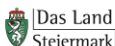
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