

# **Regulations on entry into Austria under circumstances which are worthy of special consideration (Englisch)**

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Entry into Austria during the COVID-19 pandemic is governed by a regulation. According to the Regulation on entry into Austria in connection with the containment of SARS-CoV-2 as shown in the Legal Information System of the Federal Chancellery (RIS), para.3(3) states that entry is possible without restrictions (= no period of quarantine or medical certificate are necessary) when, in individual cases, entry into the country takes place in the context of family-related circumstances worthy of special consideration.

Special family-related reasons include, for example, visiting family members if they are ill, visiting one's children as part of custodial obligations, and visiting one's partner. These reasons also include special occasions such as christenings, birthdays, funerals or weddings.

For us, partners are all those people who are in a serious relationship, regardless of whether they live together or how long the relationship has already lasted.

Evidence of family-related reasons which are worthy of special consideration has to be provided at the border, **for example** by presenting the following documents:


- Birth certificate
- Certificate of marriage or civil partnership
- Copy of the passport of the family member
- Official confirmation of the place of residence (Meldebestätigung) or documents indicating joint places of residence
- Relevant photographs
- Written evidence of a partnership (such as e-mail correspondence)
- Vehicle registration documents for the same vehicle.

Regardless of these possibilities, other statutory provisions on entry must be complied with (such as those on visas and residency).

## In the regulation this is stated as follows (see point 3):

Section 3. In addition to the persons covered by Section 2 paras. 5 and 6, persons who are not from the countries listed in appendix A can also enter the country without restrictions if this takes place:

1. To maintain the transport of goods and passengers;
2. to carry out a repatriation flight or overland repatriation mission;
3. **for family-related reasons in individual cases worthy of particular consideration;**
4. in compelling individual cases where animals need to be cared for;
5. as part of the transport of prisoners by air or overland, and
6. due to compelling reasons in the interests of the Republic.



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