The numbers of infections are going down in many countries, so alongside the reopening of public life here it is also possible to relax some of the rules regarding entry into Austria.

The cornerstone of the new COVID-19 Entry Regulation 2021 is the focus on **3 means of verification (3G´s) that you are not infected:** for all types of entry into the country, evidence of a
- **Vaccination**
- **a current test**
- **or recovery from COVID-19**

is required.
This also includes the EU Digital COVID Certificates, which contain an EU-compliant QR code. As evidence of vaccination, all of the vaccines which have been authorised by the EMA or have successfully passed the evaluation process of the WHO are recognised. Stricter rules apply to entry from so-called virus variant regions and states.

The following regulations apply for travel to Austria:

1.Travelers arriving from countries <u>with low incidence of infection (Appendix 1)</u>
(These states and areas currently include Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia- and Herzegovina, Brunei, Bulgaria, **Denmark, Germany**, Estonia, Finland, France, the Duchy of Liechtenstein, Greece, Hong Kong, **Ireland**, Iceland, **Israel,** Italy, Japan, Jordan, Canada, Qatar, Kosovo, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, the Netherlands*, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, **Portugal,** Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain*, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Czech Republic, Hungary, the Vatican, **USA,** Vietnam, Cyprus*.

- present a valid COVID vaccination certificate OR
- present a valid COVID recovery certificate OR
- present a negative COVID Antigen test result, taken within 48 hours before arrival <u>OR</u>
- present a negative COVID LAMP, PCR or TMA test result, taken within 72 hours before arrival OR
- take a COVID test within 24 hours after arrival and Pre-Travel Clearence

Exemption: Since Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 00:00, persons arriving in Austria **on direct flights** from the **Netherlands, Spain** and **Cyprus** are obliged to present a negative molecular test (e.g. PCR) or a vaccination certificate which confirms that they are fully immunised.

2.Travelers <u>arriving from virus variant countries (Appendix 2)</u> (Botswana, Brazil, Eswatini, India, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Russia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Uruguay and the United Kingdom**):** present a **negative COVID LAMP, PCR or TMA test result**, taken within 72 hours before arrival AND **10-day quarantine** applies

3.Entry from other states and regions: pre-travel clearance form, 3 forms of verification, quarantine, exemptions for persons who have been vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19

Entry from other states and regions which are not in either Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 is principally allowed. When entering the country, evidence of a current test, vaccination or recovery from COVID-

19 has to be provided, and you need to register using the pre-travel clearance form.Vaccinated persons (full Immunisation is considered given 14 days after the second vaccination, or 21 days after the first vaccination in the case of vaccines which only require one dose), do not have to self-isolate or register upon entering the country, but persons who 'only' have a test result or evidence of recovery do have to go into quarantine. However, quarantine can be ended earlier by obtaining a new negative test result (e.g. PCR) on the fifth day after entry (whereby the day of entry counts as 'day zero'). There are also other exceptions from the obligation to register and self-isolate.

Lufthansa also offers a good way to find the latest entry regulations for your journey:
https://lufthansa.travel-regulations.com/?language=en&apptarget=external%20

3 means of verification (3G´s) that you are not infected

Vaccination
For people who have been vaccinated with an EMA approved vaccine, the following rules currently apply:
  • The vaccination is valid for a maximum of 270 days from the time of the second vaccination.
  • Vaccines for which only one vaccination is intended (e.g. from Johnson & Johnson) are valid from the 22nd day after vaccination for a total of 270 days from the day of vaccination.
  • For people who have already recovered and who have previously been vaccinated, the vaccination is valid for 270 days from the time of vaccination.

Test
Depending on the reliability, different periods of validity are defined for the tests:
  • PCR tests are valid for 72 hours from sampling.
  • Antigen tests by an authorized agency are valid for 48 hours from sampling.
  • Self-tests that are recorded in an official data processing system in the federal states are valid for 24 hours.

Recovery from COVID-19
The following applies to recovered persons: These are exempt from the obligation to test for 180 days after the infection has expired. Evidence includes, for example, a separation notice or a medical confirmation that an infection has been confirmed by molecular biology. Evidence of neutralizing antibodies counts for 90 days from the time of the test.