

## EEA DRIVING LICENCES IN AUSTRIA

Valid licences from an EEA country (EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) are recognised in Austria and do not need to be exchanged even during a longer stay. They may however be exchanged for an Austrian licence on a voluntary basis.

### How does the exchange work?

A foreign driving licence can be exchanged for an Austrian licence at all driving licence authorities throughout Austria.

For the exchange, neither an exam nor a medical test is required. You may return your old licence upon application for the new one. In this case, you will receive a preliminary licence (only valid within Austria) until your new Austrian licence is delivered by post. Alternatively, you may hand over your old licence when you collect your new one from the authority. The exchange costs € 60.50.

When exchanging an EEA licence, the authority will investigate in the issuing country if any facts militate against the issue of an Austrian licence. Such an enquiry may take a few weeks.

Note for holders of classes C/C1 or D/D1: If you move to Austria and have a driving licence for class C(C1) or D(D1) that was issued in another EEA country, your licence will expire on the date provided in the country of issue, but at the latest, five years after you have become a resident of Austria.

### Which documents are required by the authorities?

- Driving licence application (“Führerscheinantrag”)
- Old non-Austrian driving licence + 1 copy
- Passport or other official identity document + 1 copy
- Residence registration form (“Meldezettel”) + 1 copy
- 1 passport photo (35 x 45 mm)
- “Anmeldebescheinigung” for EEA citizens or ID card (MA35) for EEA citizens who moved to Austria after 1.1.2006
- In case of non-EEA-citizenship: residence permit + 1 copy

Some authorities may require additional documents or photocopies.

### Which authority is responsible for driving licence exchange?

- The Police Directorate in each Bundesland (Landespolizeidirektion) or, in Vienna, the Motor Vehicle Department (Verkehrsamt), or
- The district administrative authority (Bezirkshauptmannschaft or Magistrat).

