

Working Holiday Scheme
Austria
A Chance to Broaden Your Horizons

A Guide for Applicants in Hong Kong

The Scheme

The Working Holiday Scheme between Austria and Hong Kong takes effect on 2 March 2015. Under the Scheme, youths from Hong Kong may apply for a Working Holiday Visa to Austria. This Scheme provides an opportunity for young people in Hong Kong and Austria to broaden their horizons and to gain living experience in a foreign culture, while allowing them to supplement their holiday through incidental employment.

Working Holiday Visa

Successful Hong Kong applicants will be issued a Working Holiday Visa for staying in Austria for up to six months. During their stay, working holidaymakers can take up short-term employment and/or study course of not more than six months.

Eligibility

To obtain a Working Holiday Visa to Austria, an applicant must, amongst others:

- > be aged between 18 and 30 and not accompanied by dependent family members;
- > be an ordinary resident of Hong Kong possessing an HKSAR or BNO passport valid for at least three months from the intended departure date from Austria with at least two empty pages (passports issued over ten years ago will not be accepted);
- > intend primarily to holiday in Austria;
- > hold a return ticket or sufficient funds for the purchase of such a ticket, and sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of initial stay in Austria (€2,000);
- > hold comprehensive liability and medical insurance (including repatriation) for the entire duration of stay in Austria;
- > not have been approved a visa under this Scheme before; and
- > not have been expelled by a Schengen-country previously.

Preparing your Application

For information on how you can apply for this Scheme, please visit the following website:

www.bmeia.gv.at/hongkong

Lodging your Application

You should lodge your application in person along with all necessary documents to the Austrian Consulate General Hong Kong:

Address: 2201 Chinachem Tower, 34-37 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong

Telephone: 2522 8086

Website: www.bmeia.gv.at/hongkong

Email: hongkong-gk@bmeia.gv.at

Further information and visa application forms can be obtained from the website above.

Remarks: Detailed arrangements of the Scheme may vary from time to time. Applicants are advised to consult the Austrian Consulate General Hong Kong before application.

Working in Austria

Working holiday participants are free to choose from a wide range of available job opportunities within Austria.

For information on living, holidaying and working in Austria, please visit the following websites:

www.austria.info/

www.aodili.info/

www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/en

www.studyinaustria.at/study_in_austria/

www.migration.gv.at/en/

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