

Information for International students

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In light of the current developments the 2,5G rule (which stands for vaccinated, recovered and PCR tested) still applies to students for the upcoming summer semester 2022. 2,5G proof has to be presented in order to be able to enter any building on the WU campus.

1. **Vaccinated:** Specific vaccines which are officially approved by the Austrian government.
 - Astra Zeneca (Vaxzevria)
 - Johnson&Johnson (Janssen)
 - BioNTech/Pfizer (Comirnaty)
 - Moderna (Spikevax)
 - Novavax (Nuvaxovid)

Certain other vaccines are officially recognized by [Austrian law](#).
(Please note that this document is only available in German.)

- Sinopharm (Vero Cell),
- Sinovac (CoronaVac),
- Bharat Biotech (COVAXIN),
- Nanoparticle Vaccine NVX- CoV2373 (COVOVAX)
- ChAdOx1-nCoV-19 (Covishield)

Documents that may constitute proof:

- International certificate of vaccination ("yellow pass")
- "Green pass" which is the [EU Digital COVID certificate](#)

2. **Recovered**

- A recovery certificate which states that the person recovered from an infection with SARS-CoV-2 in the last 180 days.
- A physician's note contingent on molecular analysis confirming that the person recovered from a SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last 180 days.
- A quarantine notice is valid for 180 days upon confirmed infection.

3. **Tested**

PCR tests are available free of charge. [Alles gurgelt](#) or the [city of Vienna](#). The PCR test result remains valid for 48 hours upon sampling.

FAQs:

1. **How can I be vaccinated against COVID 19?**

All persons who reside in Austria can receive a vaccination against COVID-19 free of charge. This also applies to persons without an Austrian social security number. Please click [here](#).

2. **How can I get a vaccination certificate ("green pass")?**

Persons, who were vaccinated against COVID in Austria, are issued with a vaccination certificate ("green pass"), which is in line with the [EU Digital Covid Certificate](#). The certificate can be downloaded via the electronic vaccination certificate (access via [gesundheit.gv.at](#)). You need a mobile phone signature or citizen card ([Bürgerkarte](#)) and Austrian social security number to download your certificate. Once you have downloaded and saved the certificate,

you can use it as proof that you are vaccinated against COVID as long as your vaccination is valid. You can download the certificate as often as you like.

3. I was vaccinated outside of Austria. What do I do?

If you happen to have the international pass of vaccination with an Austrian government approved vaccine (mentioned above) then you may present the international certificate of vaccination as a physical document (“yellow pass” in conjunction with ID).

If you happen to be vaccinated with a non-approved vaccine (i.e. Sputnik) then according to the [Austrian National Vaccination Committee](#) (the information is only available in German) additional steps need to be taken:

One needs to show evidence of neutralizing antibodies and a subsequent vaccination with an mRNA vaccine (Comirnaty Pfizer or Spikevax Moderna). i.e. Sputnik + evidence antibodies + mRNA vaccine => full immunization (Proof with physical documents)

In case there is no evidence of antibodies then subsequent two doses of any Austrian government approved vaccine then a green pass is available. Sputnik + 2 doses Austrian approved vaccine => full immunization and “Green pass” is available.

One may add as a general rule: if you happen to be vaccinated with a non-approved vaccine then two doses of the nonapproved vaccine count as single dose of an approved vaccine.

4. Whom do I contact if COVID related questions arise (e.g. questions about the vaccination, required documents, “green pass” etc.)?

If questions persist about COVID related topics please contact the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (abbreviated as “AGES”). Please call their 24/7 hotline: 0800 555 621. In case you prefer to contact them in writing, then please click [here](#).