

V.2. VISA EXEMPTION (5-years-visa)

- The visa exemption is a special visa valid for a maximum of 5 years (so-called 5-year visa), which is available to applicants of Vietnamese descent or their first-degree relatives (wife/husband, biological or adopted children) who live in the Republic of Austria or registered in the Republic of Slovenia. The visa entitles the traveler to stay in Viet Nam for up to 180 days for tourist purposes or to visit family.
- **Only the original Vietnamese documents issued by the authorities** (central government, provincial governments or embassies) of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam (North-Viet Nam, until 1976), the Republic of Viet Nam (South-Viet Nam, until 1975) or the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (united Viet Nam, from 1976) are valid as proof of Vietnamese ancestry.
- The following documents provide evidence of vietnamese ancestry: birth certificate, marriage certificate, certificate of release from vietnamese citizenship, school certificate, certificate of party membership/party ID, adoption certificate, family register..
- The documents issued by Austrian authorities are not considered proof of vietnamese ancestry.
- Same-sex partnerships are not recognized in Viet Nam, so applicants with registered partnerships are not eligible for a 5-year visa.
- The visa that has already been issued does not constitute a self-evident right to the issue of the new visa. The applicant is always obliged to provide proof of vietnamese descent. He may not request the embassy to use the documents from the previous application, which must only be archived at the embassy for a certain period of time and then destroyed. A complete application must therefore be submitted.
- Please note: The name in the passport must match that in the Vietnamese document. If not (especially after marrying an Austrian and then giving up vietnamese citizenship), you will be required to show the name change certificate.
- The processing time is 10-12 working days excluding the public holidays in Austria and Viet Nam. Express procedure is not possible.

1. For applicants of vietnamese descent:

- Application for visa exemption ([download](#))
- 2 biometric passport photos (3.5 * 4.5cm)
- Original passport + Copy of passport (photo page)

- Copy of vietnamese certificate
- Original certificate (only to be shown at the embassy)
- current registration certificate

2. For applicants whose father or mother is of vietnamese descent:

- Application for visa exemption ([download](#))
- 2 biometric passport photos (3.5 * 4.5cm)
- Original passport
- Copy of passport (photo page)
- Copy of foreign birth certificate/adoption certificate. Documents that are not written in English or German must be translated into Vietnamese.
- original birth certificate/adoption certificate (only to be shown at the embassy)
- Copy of father/mother's vietnamese certificate
- Original vietnamese certificate from the father/mother (for presentation at the embassy only)
- current registration certificate

3. For applicants whose spouse is of vietnamese descent:

- Application for visa exemption ([download](#))
- 2 biometric passport photos (3.5 * 4.5cm)
- Original passport
- Copy of passport (photo page)
- Copy of the foreign marriage certificate (note name change after marriage). Documents that are not written in English or German must be translated into vietnamese.
- original foreign (Austrian or Slovenian) marriage certificate (for show only)
- Copy of the spouse's vietnamese certificate
- Original vietnamese certificate from the spouse (for show only)
- Current registration certificate from husband and wife (as proof that the marriage still exists. After the divorce, the applicant is no longer eligible).

Pick up:

- The Embassy returns the results after 10-12 working days based on the approval of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Public Security.
- Express procedure is not possible.
- Applicants must check all information on the visa exemption certificate upon receiving the results. Later complaints will not be considered.

Contact:

- **Opening hours: Every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**
- The Embassy is closed [on the official holydays of Viet Nam and Austria.](#)
- The Embassy does not answer consular inquiries by phone during consular reception hours.
- **Address:**
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- The Embassy answers consular-related questions by phone on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 14:00 to 17:00.
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