

Austria: 100% face-to-face teaching

English:

Austria returned to 100 percent “in person” training starting with 1st of August.

In Austria, face-to-face teaching for the theory training of learner drivers has been fixed by law. During Corona in spring 2021, e-learning was permitted for a period of six months. The Austrian Ministry of Transport issued a national decree. The text of the decree, which is based on the Motor Vehicle Act, specifies the following: The theoretical training for all classes of driving licenses must take place solely in the form of face-to-face teaching according to the curriculum established for learner drivers. When completing the minimum 32 lessons of theoretical training face-to-face training (classroom training, in-person-training only) ist compulsory. The decree also expressly states that e-learning is only permitted for a limited period during the COVID-pandemic. In Austria, e-learning had a fixed expiry date (July 31st, 2021). There is the possibility of a new temporary permission for e-learning if the corona infections rise again. After that, the theory lessons only take place 100 percent in the form of face-to-face lessons again. E-learning remains voluntary. There are not a single legal regulations for e-learning in Austria. The teaching material manufacturers offer e-learning apps as a voluntary service to the learner drivers.