

Information for students on self-insurance

Entitled persons

Students who do not belong to a statutory insurance scheme in Austria or another EU state and who are normally resident in Austria:

1. Students at
 - an Austrian university
 - an Academy of Fine Arts
 - a University for Art & Industrial Design
 - a Theological Institute
 - a Teacher Training Academy
 - a University of Education
 - a College of Social Work
 - an Academy for Agriculture & Forestry
 - a University of Applied Sciences
 - an Academy of Music
 - or
 - at a private facility offering publicly-recognised qualifications
2. Students who do not have an equivalent certificate of eligibility for university entrance and who are taking courses preparing them for university education
3. Persons who, according to the Study Entitlement Act (Studienberechtigungsgesetz), are entitled to take the university entrance examination and are studying at educational institutions (universities or adult education institutes) preparing them for this examination
4. Students at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna

Proof of eligibility required

Please enclose the following proofs of eligibility with the completed application form:

1. Confirmation of attendance (at the educational institution) for the current term
2. A copy of the first and last pages of the Record of Study
3. Confirmation of the equivalence of the school-leaving examination or of the entitlement to study examination
4. Evidence of any periods of health insurance (compulsory, voluntary, or insurance by dint of being a dependent) with other insurers in the twelve months prior to making the application

Start of self-insurance

Self-insurance follows on directly from the end of the health insurance or the entitlement in accordance with the General Social Security Act (Allgemeines Sozialversicherungsgesetz, or ASVG) or another federal law – with the exception of the Social Security Act for Self-Employed Persons in Trade and Industry (Gewerbliches Sozialversicherungsgesetz, or GSVG) or the Farmers' Social Security Act (Bauern- Sozialversicherungsgesetz, or BSVG) – if the application has been made within six weeks of the end of the health insurance or the entitlement. In all other cases, self-insurance begins on the day following the day on which the application is made. For persons who have left compulsory insurance in accordance with the GSVG or BSVG, it begins 60 calendar months after leaving compulsory insurance at the earliest.

End of self-insurance

Self-insurance ends:

1. when these conditions are no longer met
2. at the end of the calendar month in which the insured person has declared he/she will be ceasing self-insurance
3. at the end of the second calendar month in which a contribution due has not been paid when contributions have not been paid for two calendar months
4. at the end of the third calendar month following the end of the academic year for which the student was last enrolled or once the final deadline for taking examinations has passed.

For points 2 and 3, self-insurance ends at the earliest after six continuous months following the start of the insurance; a new application for self-insurance may only be made after six further months have passed.

This does not apply if the cessation of self-insurance is due to the start of compulsory insurance through the statutory health insurance system or the person declares him/herself to qualify for insurance by dint of being a dependent, in accordance with the ASVG or another federal law.

In accordance with section 39 ASVG, the insurance fund must be informed of any changes which are relevant to the insurance held (e.g. taking up employment for which insurance is compulsory, drawing unemployment benefit, change of

name and/or address, starting military service) within a week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (by phoning 0662 8889 - 0 or sending an email to: selbstversicherung@sgkk.at).