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Dear Sir/Madam.

Please find below the reply to your enquiry. Please note that the advice given by Your Europe Advice is an independent advice and cannot be considered to be the opinion of the European Commission, of any other EU institution or its staff nor will this advice be binding upon the European Commission, any other EU or national institution.

Thank you for contacting Your Europe Advice.

We can confirm that it should be possible for you to stay on in the Schengen area (including Austria) for up to 90 days following the expiry of your Austrian long-stay visa. This is provided you have not stayed in any other Schengen country in the 90 days prior to the expiry date of your long-stay visa.

Please note that once your Austrian long-stay visa expires, the EU rules would allow you to stay for another 90 days in the Schengen area, including Austria.

There is no requirement under the Schengen Border Code that obliges you to have to leave the Schengen area in order to benefit from a further period of 90 days following expiry of your long-stay visa. The 90-day period start to run from the date of expiry of your long-stay visa. The rule is contained in Article 6(2) of the Schengen Border Code Regulation 2016/399 which explicitly states that Periods of stay authorised under a residence permit or a long-stay visa shall not be taken into account in the calculation of the duration of stay on the territory of the Member States.

Therefore, the time spent living in Austria under the cover of your previous Austrian long stay visa does not count against the 90-day visa-free period of stay in the Schengen area. This 90-day period will start upon expiry of your long-stay visa.

You should then be permitted to stay in Schengen countries (including Austria) for up to 90 days. This is provided you have not stayed in any other Schengen country in the 90 days prior to the expiry date of your long-stay visa.

We suggest if you do travel, you should do so with a copy of this advice to show to immigration officials (plus a copy of your long-stay visa and any other document issued to you by the Austrian authiorities) in case there is any doubt about your entitlement to travel within the Schengen area.

We hope this answers your query.

We remain at your disposal, should you require further information.

To help us improve our services, we would invite you to complete this short online survey.

To submit another enquiry, please visit <u>Your Europe Advice</u>, but do not reply to this e-mail.

Your original enquiry was:

Can a British National enter Austria on a Visa-D, stay for 6 months and then also stay in Austria for another 90 days using their Schengen Visa free allowance. Effectively can they stay for a total of 270 days using a combination of their Visa-D and the Visa free allowance.

Yours sincerely,

Your Europe Advice