

IDENTITY CHECKS ON PASSENGERS BOARDING TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

The Austrian Airlines Group is to implement with immediate effect a requirement of the BMVIT (the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology) making it necessary to check the identity of all departing passengers while they are boarding the plane. The ministry order is based on a European Union regulation. Similar regulations are already in practice in many other Member States of the EU.

In order to keep levels of security as high as possible, passengers will now have to be able to present both their boarding pass and a form of photographic ID directly at the departure gate. This check is designed to ensure that boarding passes are not passed onto third parties, and are actually used by the person who presented the ticket at the Check-in desk. It will also check that the travel documents presented meet the conditions of entry imposed by the destination to which they are travelling. In this way it will be possible to avoid at an early stage a refusal of entry by the authorities of the respective destination in the event that documents do not meet the necessary conditions, as well as any other inconveniences for the passengers affected.

A driving licence is sufficient proof of identity for flights within Austria. International flights, however (both Schengen and non-Schengen), will still require the passenger to carry a valid travel document at all times (passport or official identity card).

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