

State of Midwifery in AUSTRIA in 2016

Association(s) Member(s)

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Regulation

	Yes/no	Name(s) (Ministry of Health, Professional body) Web site
Regulatory Body	yes	Austrian Midwives Association www.hebammen.at
Unions (some examples)		
Any Other information		

	Yes /No	Comments
Registration	yes	
Recertification/relicensing	yes	

General Comments: Any planned or potential changes in the future

General data (fill as much as you can)

		Comments
Number of midwives	2137	July 2016
Number of private practice midwives	410	Only private practice
<i>Number of private practice midwives and in hospitals</i>	1172	Public and private hospitals not separated
<i>Number of midwives only in hospitals</i>	555	
Number of live birth per year (last data available/what year)	84.381	2015
Any other data		
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Midwives' scope of practice

	YES / NO	Level of autonomy if non-complicated (normal)pregnancy/birth/postnatal /Gynecological follow-up Possible answers : No/yes/ doctor's prescription/doctor present	Comments
Gynecological follow-up		Yes, possible	Usually, follow up after 6-8 weeks p.p. by a gynecologist

Pre-conceptual care		Yes, possible	Most women are in care of a gynecologist
Pregnancy/prenatal care		yes	Midwife and gynecologist
Intrapartum care		yes	Midwife takes care of the women
Birth/Delivery		yes	Most of births, doctor is attendant, especially in hospitals Exception: homebirth/midwifery led unit
Newborn resuscitation		Yes, in case of emergency	Cooperation with paedrist and anaestisist in hospital
Post natal care maternal		yes	At home or partly in hospitals
Post natal care newborn		yes	At home or partly in hospitals
Family Planning		sometimes	
Medicines/Drugs prescription		no	
Tests/screening prescription		no	
Other			
Other			

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Environment

	Yes / No	Comments
Home birth	yes	1,5-2%
Alongside midwifery led units/birth centres (BC)/ birth houses (BH)	no	But legally allowed
Stand Alone midwifery led Unit/BC/BH	yes	
Hospital Units	yes	
Midwifery led units part of the Hospital Maternity	yes	

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Education

	Yes/no number of years	Comments
Direct entry	yes	bachelor
Post-Nursing Qualification course	no	
University Graduate, Diploma and level	yes	Bachelor and master system 3/2 years
Masters, Ph D	Yes, no	No ph D at the moment
Active Midwifery Research	yes	

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