

# Testing automated vehicles on roads in Austria which are publicly accessible

## Process procedure for application and test execution

The following document describes the **schematic procedure for the testing of automated vehicles and their systems on roads which are publicly accessible** in Austria.

Tests are regulated in the Automated Driving Regulation (AutomatFahrV<sup>1</sup>) of the BMK<sup>2</sup>. According to the regulation, the following use cases can currently be tested, after a certification has been issued:

- I) **Automated minibus**
- II) **Automated vehicle for passenger transport**
- III) **Automated vehicle for the transport of goods**
- IV) **Motorway pilot with automated lane change**
- V) **Motorway pilot with automated driving on motorway on- and off-ramps and exits**
- VI) **Autonomous military vehicle**
- VII) **Automated valet parking**
- VIII) **Automated working machine**

At the moment, vehicle manufacturers, system developers, research institutes, transport companies, operators of transport lines, freight transport companies, operators of parking garages and car parks as well as road owners can submit a test application<sup>3</sup>.

The following scenarios for dealing with tests are described in this document:

- 1) **Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles/functions** in accordance with the AutomatFahrV
- 2) **Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles/functions** that are currently **not regulated** in accordance with the AutomatFahrV

**Enquiries and test projects** must be disclosed to the National Contact Point for automated mobility – AustriaTech GmbH ([automatisierung@austriatech.at](mailto:automatisierung@austriatech.at) as well as [www.austriatech.at](http://www.austriatech.at)). The issuing of a certification is the responsibility of the BMK. The BMK can, if necessary, involve a Advisory Council, consisting of independent experts with legal and technical expertise, to provide advice during the application procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung/Bundesnormen/20009740/AutomatFahr.pdf>  
English Version: [https://www.austriatech.at/assets/Uploads/Fokusseiten/Kontaktstelle-Automatisierte-Mobilitaet/Dokumente/6bb989d920/Automated-Driving-Regulation-Austria\\_EN.pdf](https://www.austriatech.at/assets/Uploads/Fokusseiten/Kontaktstelle-Automatisierte-Mobilitaet/Dokumente/6bb989d920/Automated-Driving-Regulation-Austria_EN.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

<sup>3</sup> §§ 7-9b AutomatFahrV



## 2) Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles/functions that are currently not regulated in accordance with the AutomatFahrV

Step	Description process step
1	Expressing interest in testing on roads in Austria, which are publicly accessible, to the Contact Point
2	Consultation of the applicant by the Contact Point
<b>Test project currently regulated by law?</b>	
<i>No → Step 3</i>	
<i>Ja → Process according to <b>section 1</b>) Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles/functions in accordance with the AutomatFahrV</i>	
3	Detailed description of the planned project from the applicant to the Contact Point (e.g. via questionnaire to assess the needs for testing new automation functions)
4	Processing of the demand by the contact point and forwarding to the BMK
5	Examination of a possible amendment of the AutomatFahrV by the BMK
<b>Amendment possible?</b>	
<i>Yes → Step 6</i>	
<i>No → Tests in the presented form currently not realisable</i>	
6	Implementation of the amendment process
7	Adjustment of the regulation
<b>Process according to 1) Testing possibilities for advanced automated vehicles / functions in accordance with the AutomatFahrV</b>	

Responsibility of the process step: **grey:** by applicant | **blue:** by Contact Point or BMK | **red:** Application according to process in section 1)