



## **Austria** (Member of the EU)

Population: 9,2 million

### **Public Health Coverage:**

About 99 % of the Austrian population is covered by statutory health insurance (compulsory insurance, co-insurance via family members, etc.). Of the 3,750 registered dentists in Austria, around 63% have a contract with a health insurance fund.<sup>1</sup> These offer fully reimbursed restorations, but may also charge extra for more elaborate fillings in private contracts with the patient.

More elaborate fillings in private dentistry are only subsidized with 80% of the equivalent basic restorative treatment.

### **Before the ban on dental amalgam:**

Basic restorative treatments in molars with **dental amalgams, silicate and stone cements or similar materials that incur the same processing costs** were reimbursed with **23,40€ - 83,00€** depending on the size and complexity of the filling.

Fillings with composite or similar materials using the acid adhesive technology are reimbursed only for front and canine teeth with **45,80€ - 123,50€** depending on the size and complexity of the filling.<sup>2</sup>

### **After the ban on dental amalgam:**

There is no final decision for all insurances yet. The main insurer is still only reimbursing **Stone Cement** for molars instead of dental amalgam to the cost of **24,20€ - 85,80€**.

Other insurers already agreed to reimburse **Glass Ionomer Cements or Alkasite** for basic restorative treatments in molars to **47,20€ - 127,2€ (+ 63,91%)** depending on the size and complexity of the filling.<sup>3</sup>

Fillings with composite or similar materials using the acid adhesive technology are reimbursed only for front and canine teeth with **47,20€ - 127,2€**.<sup>4</sup>

The use of dental Amalgam in exceptional cases is not foreseen by the public reimbursement system.

### **Private Dentistry:**

Composite or similar materials using the acid adhesive technology are not fully reimbursed by the public insurance for molars but subsidized with **37,92€ - 102,16€** depending on the size and complexity of the filling.<sup>4</sup>

The estimated cost for a Composite filling in private dentistry ranges between **100€ - 300€**.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.zm-online.de/news/detail/freie-arztwahl-viele-zuzahlungen-und-zumeist-nur-eine-kasse?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.zm-online.de/news/detail/freie-arztwahl-viele-zuzahlungen-und-zumeist-nur-eine-kasse?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

<sup>2</sup> [https://wr.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife\\_2024.pdf](https://wr.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife_2024.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife\\_2025\\_per\\_Juli.pdf](https://www.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife_2025_per_Juli.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [https://wr.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife\\_2024.pdf](https://wr.zahnaerztekammer.at/fileadmin/content/oezak/abrechnungsstelle/honorartarife/tarife_2024.pdf)