

**We are glad that you are safe!**

Please find enclosed your personal identity document for displaced persons and other essential information about your stay in Austria.

**Right of residence for displaced persons**

As displaced persons from Ukraine, you have a temporary right of residence in Austria. This right of residence is currently valid **until the expiry date on the card (03 March 2023)** and it may be extended, if applicable. This right of residence is documented by the residence permit “identity card for displaced persons” enclosed with this letter.

**In principle**, you can **travel visa-free for tourism** within the Schengen area **for 90 days within 180 days** with the **identity card for displaced persons and your passport**. You may re-enter Austria at any time with a valid identity card for displaced persons.

The **right of residence will expire** before the expiry date if you **leave Austria for a longer time**, i.e. if you move to another state. Furthermore, the right of residence will expire if there are **reasons for exclusion**. This includes convictions for particularly serious crimes.

Please inform the Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum (BFA) if you **change your name**, so that a **new identity card for displaced persons** can be issued to you.

Further information as well as the contact details of the BFA organisational units can be found at: [www.bfa.gv.at](http://www.bfa.gv.at)

## Obligation to register

In Austria, there is an **obligation to register your residence**. This takes place at the **registration office in the municipalities (municipal office)**. It is important that you register with the registration office and inform the registration office of any change of residence.

You can find further information on this subject at: [www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente\\_und\\_recht/an\\_abmeldung\\_des\\_wohnsitzes.html](http://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente_und_recht/an_abmeldung_des_wohnsitzes.html)

## Primary care

**Care for persons in need** is provided in the context of primary care and includes benefits such as the provision of accommodation and food or securing health care. Primary care benefits, such as accommodation allowances and meal allowances, can also be granted in the context of **private accommodation**.

The hotline **+43 1 2676 870 9460** has been set up at the **Federal Agency for Care and Support Services (BBU)**. Information is also provided there in Ukrainian and Russian. The BBU homepage is accessible via the link [www.bbu.gv.at](http://www.bbu.gv.at). If you have any questions, you can also contact the **primary care centre in your state**.

## Health insurance

Displaced persons from Ukraine are legally **included in the health insurance scheme**. The necessary data is forwarded to the **Austrian health insurance fund (ÖGK)** via the primary care system. You are therefore **entitled to benefits (in kind)** and you can, for example, receive **medical assistance, medicine and medical aids** at the expense of the ÖGK. You will receive a **spare e-card** for the verification of your entitlement to benefits by the contractual partners.

## Compulsory education

There is **nine years of compulsory education** for all children who live in Austria permanently. Children who have their **6th birthday before or on 01 September** have to attend school in the school year starting that September and they must be **registered with a primary school** by their **parents or guardians**.

Primary school comprises 4 years. Pupils usually attend primary school between the ages of 6 and 10. This is followed by 4 years of secondary school or grammar school. Pupil enrolment secures a school place for the child, preferably at the school where the enrolment takes place, or at a nearby school if the number of registered pupils at a school is too high. The **allocation** of school places **is carried out by the school or the competent Education Department**.

Further information is available at [www.bmbwf.gv.at](http://www.bmbwf.gv.at).

### **Universities and colleges**

In Austria, a **secondary school leaving certificate** or corresponding foreign qualification entitles the holder to **commence university or college studies**. At advanced technical colleges, there is also the possibility to be admitted on a Bachelor's programme with a **relevant professional qualification and supplementary examinations**.

Representatives of the **Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research** ([www.oead.at](http://www.oead.at)) can provide further information as well as an overview of the different course offerings in the Austrian higher education system, or you can find this information at [www.studienwahl.at](http://www.studienwahl.at). This also applies to topics such as the recognition of foreign qualifications and different support options.

### **Labour market access**

The **Austrian Employment Service (AMS)**, i.e. the public employment service in Austria, will gladly help you to find a job and provide you with advice on your way to the labour market in Austria. It is therefore necessary **to register with the AMS**. They will collect your data such as your education, your professional experience and skills as well as other personal information. Come to the AMS with a person who can translate the conversation with the advisors for you, if possible. Be sure to bring your identity card for displaced persons with you on your AMS visit.

It is possible to start work once you have received your identity card for displaced persons, but an employment permit issued by the AMS is required. If you already have a job in mind, the employer can make the application. **Please note: Registration and starting work is not possible without the mentioned residence card.**

Further information is also available in Ukrainian at [www.ams.at](http://www.ams.at).

## German and orientation courses

The **Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)**, a fund of the Republic of Austria, provides a wide range of free support measures to displaced persons, refugees and immigrants in Austria:

- **German courses** at all language levels from A1 to C1,
- **Orientation courses** on life, living and working in Austria, learning German and entering the labour market, as well as
- **Consultations** on integration in Austria.

The ÖIF operates an **info hotline** with Ukrainian and Russian-speaking employees, which is available by telephone on +43 1 715 10 51 - 120. There are **ÖIF integration centres** in all state capitals, which support you with information on integration in Austria, learning German, the labour market, the recognition of qualifications and training as well as the education and health system. They also provide German courses in addition to courses and consultations on orientation and integration in Austria. Separate **service points for displaced persons from Ukraine** are being set up, in which the information and advisory services of relevant bodies are bundled to start a successful integration process. There is a dedicated **ÖIF women's centre** with support services for female migrants; as well as mentoring, scholarship and funding programmes for immigrants.

You can also find further information and available opportunities in Ukrainian and Russian at [www.integrationsfonds.at/ukraine](http://www.integrationsfonds.at/ukraine).

The information above is also available in the following languages:



Deutsch



русский



український