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Наведена нижче інформація також доступна наступними мовами:

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Deutsch



український



русский

### “Your stay in Austria”

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

As a displaced person from Ukraine, you have a **temporary right of residence** in Austria. The identity card for displaced persons is your residence title. It is valid **until the expiry date on the card (04 March 2025)**.

**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 this 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. If you decide to enter Austria again, you may be reinstated to your status as a displaced person. 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** at the **registration office in the municipalities (municipal office)**. **It is also important that** you report any change of residence. Find further information: [www.oesterreich.gv.at/en/themen/dokumente\\_und\\_recht/an\\_abmeldung\\_des\\_wohnsitzes.html](http://www.oesterreich.gv.at/en/themen/dokumente_und_recht/an_abmeldung_des_wohnsitzes.html).

### **Labour market access**

Since 21 April 2023 all Ukrainians who hold an identity document for displaced persons have unrestricted access to the Austrian labour market. No work permit is required for taking up employment. Further information about how to get started in the labour market can also be found in Ukrainian at [www.ams.at/ukraine](http://www.ams.at/ukraine). For a self-reliant life in Austria, it is important to take up employment. Gainful employment leads to independence from state benefits, it will help you learn the language and foster your integration in Austrian society. At present, there is a wide range of job opportunities in the labour market, for career starters and well-qualified persons alike.

The **Austrian Employment Service (AMS)**, i.e. the public employment service in Austria, will support you on your way to the labour market in Austria. To take up gainful employment, please go to the AMS and register with them. The AMS will offer you positions fitting your profile, and if required, they will also offer training and upskilling opportunities. For women with children, there are women's job centres and women's advisory offices. These will assist in job search, occupational and career planning as well as in finding child care facilities.

The AMS will collect your personal particulars and information about training, job experience and skills as well as further information about you. Please do not forget to take your identity card for displaced persons with you for your visit to the AMS. If possible, bring someone who will be able to interpret your meeting with the advisor for you.

### **German and orientation courses**

Learning German is important for successful integration in Austria. Improving your proficiency in German continuously is equally important. The better you speak German, the better your opportunities in Austria, in particular as regards your career.

The **Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF)** is an institution of the Republic of Austria providing a wide range of free support measures to displaced persons from Ukraine in Austria.

- **German courses** at all language levels from A1 to C1,
- **Sprachportal.at** with a wide variety of free online sources to learn German by way of self-study and without being bound to a location; this includes online classes, information material and exercises
- **Career platforms** which directly match jobseekers and employers which introduce themselves, furnish information about vacant positions and provide support in the job application process,
- **Orientation courses** on life, housing and working in Austria, learning German and entering the labour market,
- **Advice** on integration in Austria, as well as the
- **Integration service for skilled labour** and **financial support towards expenses arising from the recognition** and assessment of foreign educational and occupational qualifications.

Contact the ÖIF as soon as possible: There are ÖIF integration centers in all provincial capitals that can advise and support you with information about your integration in Austria. There are also separate ÖIF women's centers with support services for migrant women as well as mentoring, scholarship and funding programs.

Further information and measures available can also be found in Ukrainian and Russian at [www.integrationsfonds.at/ukraine](http://www.integrationsfonds.at/ukraine).

### **Primary care**

If you are not gainfully employed or only have a **low income** from gainful employment, or if you are generally in need of assistance, you will receive benefits under primary care. It includes the provision of accommodation, food and health care. If you have **private accommodation**, you may receive primary care benefits in the form of accommodation allowances and meal allowances.

The hotline **+43 1 2676 870 9460** has been set up at the **Federal Agency for Care and Support Services (BBU)** to also furnish information in Ukrainian and Russian. The website can be found at [www.bbu.gv.at](http://www.bbu.gv.at). You can also contact the **primary care centre in your state**.

## Health insurance

As a displaced person from Ukraine, you are legally **included in the health insurance scheme**. The data required for this are 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, medication and medical aids** at the expense of the ÖGK. You will receive an **e-card substitute** for the verification of your entitlement to benefits by the contractual partners.

## Compulsory education

**Compulsory education** for all children who live in Austria permanently lasts **nine years**. 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 pupils registered at a school is too high. The **allocation of school places is carried out by the school or the Board of Education in charge**. Further information is available at <http://www.bmbwf.gv.at/en.html>.

## Universities and colleges

In Austria, a **secondary school leaving certificate** or corresponding foreign qualification entitles the holder to **commence university or college studies**. At universities of applied sciences, there is also an opportunity to be admitted to a Bachelor's programme with a **relevant professional qualification and additional examinations**.

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