

Information sheet
Displaced persons from Ukraine – Registration

1. Temporary right of residence for displaced persons

Certain groups of people from Ukraine have a **temporary right of residence as displaced persons** in Austria. This applies to citizens of Ukraine and refugees recognised in Ukraine or persons with complementary protection who had to leave Ukraine due to the war. This also applies to their family members as well as Ukrainian citizens who were lawfully residing in Austria at the beginning of the war.

These people will receive the residence permit “identity card for displaced persons”. Registration (data collection) is necessary for this. There is no need to make an application for international protection (“asylum application”).

The **right of residence is valid until 03 March 2023** and it will be automatically renewed for up to 6 months twice, unless it is declared ended.

Furthermore, the right of residence will expire if these persons leave Austria for a longer time, i.e. if they move to another state. However, short trips are possible without the right of residence expiring.

2. Target groups

1. **Citizens of Ukraine residing in Ukraine** who had to leave Ukraine due to the armed conflict as of 24 February 2022.
2. **Other third-country nationals or stateless persons with international protection status or comparable national protection status** granted before 24 February 2022 under Ukrainian law, who had to leave Ukraine due to the armed conflict as of 24 February 2022. This applies to persons with asylum or complementary protection in Ukraine.
3. **Family members of these groups**, provided they were residing in Ukraine as family members of one of the persons listed above before 24 February 2022. Above all, this

applies to family members who are not Ukrainian citizens or who do not meet one of the other conditions for the right of residence as displaced persons for other reasons.

Family members include:

- Spouses and registered partners
 - Unmarried minor children of persons from the above-mentioned target group (1. and 2.) or of their spouses or registered partners
 - Other close relatives of persons from the target group (1. and 2.) who lived together with them in a household before displacement and who were completely or mainly dependent on them
4. **Citizens of Ukraine who were lawfully residing in Austria visa-free or with a visa on 24 February 2022**, after the end of the visa-free stay or the expiry of the visa if they cannot return to Ukraine or the state of their residence. Above all, this applies to Ukrainian citizens who were on a trip to Austria at the beginning of the war and lived in Ukraine or another state to which they cannot return. Persons who lived in another state and can return there are not included.
5. **Citizens of Ukraine with a valid residence permit in Austria on 24 February 2022**, after the end of the period of validity if they cannot return to Ukraine. This only applies to cases where the residence permit has not been renewed. Persons with currently valid residence permits are not included because they are still lawfully residing in Austria.

A further requirement is that the respective person is staying in Austria and there are no reasons for exclusion. In particular, reasons for exclusion include war crimes or crimes against humanity, serious offences and the like.

3. Expiry and issuance of the identity card for displaced persons

The **Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum (BFA)** issues an **identity card for displaced persons** to persons who belong to the target groups. For this, it is necessary for you to register:

- An **initial registration** takes place through the **police**. This can be done at certain police stations or in special reception or registration centres.
- When you register, your data and the details on your passport or other documents will be recorded. Persons aged 14 and over will undergo an identification process (taking of fingerprints, etc.). There is a form that you are kindly requested to fill in and submit during registration.
- **Please take the following with you to registration (if available):**
 - Passport

- Birth certificate, marriage certificate, other civil status documents
- Other identity documents, e.g. ID card, driving licence, residence permit, etc.
- In the event that all data is completely available to the BFA as a result of the registration by the police, an **identity card for displaced persons as a residence permit** will be personally delivered to you.

Should any **investigative steps still be necessary**, you will be invited to an **interview before the competent body of the BFA** in order to **collect any missing data**. This may involve cases where e.g. no passport is available. If you are not summoned before the BFA, the **identity card for displaced persons** will be **sent to you at your registered address**, to the delivery address that you specified during registration, or to the authorised recipient. You do not need to take any further steps for this. In some cases, it may also be necessary to **register your fingerprints again** in order to **issue the identity card**. This is carried out by BFA staff. You may also be required to bring a **passport photo** to the BFA (if the photo from your passport cannot be used).

There is no need to make an application for asylum. Such an application would be hindered for the duration of the right of residence as a displaced person and it would not be processed.

Note: 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. This is the only way to ensure that the BFA will send the identity card for displaced persons to you or reach you with further enquiries. See also:
www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente_und_recht/an__abmeldung_des_ohnsitzes.html

Primary care: In any case, you are covered by **health insurance throughout the entire process** and you will also receive **primary care from the federal government** (Bundesagentur für Betreuungs- und Unterstützungsleistungen GmbH) **or a federal state**, if necessary. More detailed information can be found on the BBU website: www.bbu.gv.at/ukraine. A hotline has also been set up, which can be reached on the following number: +43 1 2676 870 9460

4. Reference to further information services and legal bases

Further information is available from:

- Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum (BFA):
www.bfa.gv.at
- Federal Agency for Care and Support Services (BBU):
www.bbu.gv.at/ukraine
- Registration of residence and change of residence:
www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente_und_recht/an_abmeldung_des_wohnsitzes.html

Legal bases for the temporary right of residence for displaced persons:

- § 62 Asylgesetz 2005
- Vertriebenen-Verordnung der österreichischen Bundesregierung
- Asylgesetz-Durchführungsverordnung 2005
- Richtlinie 2001/55/EG des Rates der Europäischen Union
- Durchführungsbeschluss (EU) 2022/382 des Rates der Europäischen Union