INFORMATION

Residence permits “family members”

For spouses and civil partners who are third country nationals and are over 21 years of age, and for unmarried, minor children of Austrian nationals.

First-time applications must be submitted to the competent Austrian diplomatic representation or during a legal stay in Austria (validity of visa!) to the competent immigration office.

Documents required at first-time application:

- application form
- passport, valid for at least one year
- birth certificate
- 1 current (no more than six months old) biometric passport photo (3.5 x 4.5cm)
- proof of relationship with the Austrian citizen: marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate, adoption certificate
- if applicable: divorce decree, certificates regarding the dissolution of a civil partnership, or former partner’s death certificate
- for persons over 14 years of age: police clearance certificate from your country of origin (no more than three (3) months old)
- if applicable: proof of A1 level German language skills (CEFR)
  The language certificate must not be more than 12 months old.
- recommended: most recent school report to check if the requirements of the Integration Agreement have been fulfilled (German language skills)
- proof of legal entitlement of the applicant or person who has taken up residence in Austria (e.g. spouse) to adequate accommodation in Austria (e.g. ownership contract, lease or sub-lease contract)
- proof of health insurance that is valid in Austria and covers all risks (e.g.: WGKK, …)
- proof of sufficient means of subsistence of the applicant or of the person who has taken up residence in Austria (e.g. income statement, employment contract, confirmation of pension payments, job guarantee, etc.)
- proof of regular expenditures of the applicant or person who has taken up residence in Austria such as current rent, operating costs, child support payments, and current loan repayment – the latter by means of a current extract from the files of an officially recognised credit reference agency
- from the person who has taken up residence in Austria: ID card or certificate of citizenship/passport
Documents required for extension of application:

- application form
- passport, valid for at least one year
- 1 current (no more than six months old) biometric passport photo (3.5 x 4.5cm)
- in case of 2nd extension: proof of A2 level German language skills (CEFR)
- proof of changes of marital status (if applicable) such as marriage, civil partnership, change of name, divorce, dissolution of civil partnership, adoption, death certificate
- proof of legal entitlement to adequate accommodation in Austria (e.g. new ownership contract or lease contract)
- proof of health insurance that is valid in Austria and covers all risks or co-insurance (e.g.: WGKK, …)
- proof of sufficient means of subsistence of the applicant or of the person who has taken up residence in Austria (e.g. income statement, employment contract, confirmation of payments from the PVA - Austrian Pension Insurance Agency, from the GKK – Regional Health Insurance Office, or from the Public Employment Service Austria)
- proof of regular expenditures of the applicant or person who has taken up residence in Austria such as current rent, operating costs, child support payments, and current loan repayment – the latter by means of a current extract from the files of an officially recognised credit reference agency

In some cases it may be necessary to submit additional documents. These can also be submitted via post, fax or e-mail.

Applications for extension must be submitted in Austria before the current residence permit expires. In Vienna, the branch offices of Municipal Department 35 are the competent immigration offices for these applications.

Please submit the original and a copy of all documents. Depending on the country of issue the original documents need an apostille or diplomatic certification. Please submit a certified translation of all documents that were not originally issued in German.

Please note:
All persons who are over six (6) years of age must give their fingerprints when applying for a residence permit.