INFORMATION

Indefinite leave to remain pursuant to EU mobility quotas

Third country nationals holding a “permanent leave to remain” (Daueraufenthalt-EU) of another EU member state, who wish to permanently stay in Austria, can apply for the following residence permits:

“Red-White-Red Card” for the purpose of dependent employment
The first-time issuing of this residence permit is subject to the immigration quota and is issued for a duration of 12 months.
In case of extension you have to apply for a red-white-red card plus. The Immigration Office will obtain the written notification by the Public Employment Service Austria (AMS) for you, which is a requirement to receive a red-white-red card. Family reunification is possible.

“Indefinite leave to remain” (Niederlassungsbewilligung) for the purpose of self-employment
The first-time issuing of this residence permit is subject to the immigration quota and is issued for a duration of 12 months. After a residence period of 12 months holders of this residence permit have to apply for another indefinite leave to remain. Requirements: general documents, certificate regarding the intended business activities, business plan, business outlook, capital investment, start-up balance sheet, etc. Family reunification is possible.

“Indefinite leave to remain” (Niederlassungsbewilligung) – without the intention of taking up employment
The first-time issuing of this residence permit is subject to the immigration quota and is issued for a duration of 12 months. After a residence period of 12 months holders of this residence permit have to apply for another indefinite leave to remain. Requirements: general documents, proof of sufficient means of subsistence not coming from employment during the validity period of the residence permit. Family reunification is possible.

German language skills:
Applicants must submit proof of their A1 level German language skills (CEFR). The language certificate must not be more than 12 months old.
Module I of the Integration Agreement (A2 level German language skills, CEFR) must be met within two (2) years.

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