INFORMATION

Red-white-red card for self-employed persons

The red-white-red card for self-employed persons is an indefinite leave to remain for self-employed key employees who apply for a residence permit in Austria for the first time. This first-time residence permit is issued for a validity period of 12 months and is exempt from the general immigration quota.

Pursuant to Article 24 of the Employment of Foreign Nationals Act the application is examined with regard to the general economic benefit of the business, in particular the transfer of capital investment and/or creating/securing jobs.

Module 1 (CEFR level A2) of the Integration Agreement is automatically fulfilled upon receipt of the red-white-red card. No German language skills are required before coming to Austria.

Required documents

- application form
- passport valid at least for one year upon issuance of the red-white-red card
- birth certificate
- 1 current (no more than six months old) biometric passport photo (3.5 x 4.5 cm)
- police clearance certificate from your country of origin (no more than three (3) months old)
- proof of legal entitlement to (adequate) accommodation in Austria (e.g. ownership contract, lease contract, sub-lease contract)
- proof of health insurance that is valid in Austria and covers all risks (e.g. WGKK)
- proof of regular expenditures in Austria such as rent, operating costs, child support payments, and loan repayment (current extract from the files of an officially recognised credit reference agency)
- if applicable: tax clearance certificate of the competent tax office
- proof of income: start-up balance sheet and economic prospects
- proof of general economic benefit of the business: transfer of capital investment or creating and securing new jobs
- business plan: brief description of the intended business activity

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

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.

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As at: 09/2015
Applications for extension of the red-white-red card must be submitted in Austria before the card expires. Please note that the extension of a red-white-red card is called “indefinite leave to remain” (“Niederlassungsbewilligung”).

Proof of your average monthly income must be submitted in the form of fee notes (including contracts), VAT statements, income tax statements, reports by a chartered accountant, etc.

Family members of self-employed key employees can apply for a “red-white-red card plus”. German language skills (CEFR level A1) before moving to Austria are required and Module 1 (CEFR level A2) of the Integration Agreement must be completed within two (2) years of taking up residence.

Please note
The application must be filed in person. All persons who are older than six (6) years of age have to give their fingerprints when applying for a residence permit.

**MA 35 First-Time Application Centre:**
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**Applications for extension** must be submitted to one of the branch offices of Municipal Department 35 in the districts (for addresses please see information sheet “Standorte der MA 35 – Fachbereich Einwanderung”)

**Opening hours**
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8am to 12 noon
Thu: also from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**Public transport**
Rapid transit, tramway 2, bus 5A or 37A – stop “Traisengasse”, subway U6 – stop “Dresdner Straße”