INFORMATION

Red-white-red-card

The following third country nationals are eligible to apply for a red-white-red card:

- highly skilled key employees
- Skilled workers in shortage occupations (acc. to Shortage Occupation List)
- self-employed key employees
- other employed key employees
- graduates of Austrian universities

The application can also be submitted by the employer. Please take note of the "specific requirements" (see page 2).

Required documents:

- 1 current (no more than six months old) biometric passport photo (3.5 x 4.5 cm)
- passport valid at least throughout the validity period of the red-white-red card
- birth certificate
- if applicable: marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate, divorce decree or certificate proving the solution of a civil partnership
- for persons over 14 years of age: police clearance certificate from your country of origin (it is not mandatory to submit this document but it can be necessary to evaluate the case)
- proof of legal entitlement to (adequate) accommodation in Austria (e.g. ownership contract, lease contract)
- proof of a health insurance that is valid in Austria and covers all risks (e.g. compulsory insurance under the General Social Insurance Act, ASVG)
- 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)
- proof of sufficient means of subsistence from the intended employment (employment contract, preliminary contract)
- employed key employees: written declaration by the employer ("Arbeitgebererklärung") and proof of qualifications
- self-employed key employees: business plan and business outlook including a start-up balance sheet
- proof of A1 level German language skills is NOT required
- if applicable: authorisation by employer

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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Specific requirements:

- **highly skilled key employees**: confirmation by the Public Employment Service (AMS) based on a point system (min. 70 points)
- **Skilled workers in shortage occupations (acc. to Shortage Occupation List)**: confirmation by the Public Employment Service (AMS) based on a point system (min. 50 points)
- **self-employed key employees**: general economic benefit of the business
- **other employed key employees**: confirmation by the Public Employment Service (AMS) based on a point system (min. 50 points) and minimum gross salary laid out in a contract (2016: up to 30 years of age: € 2,430; over 30 years of age: € 2,916)
- **graduates of Austrian universities**: confirmation by the Public Employment Service (AMS), employment according to educational level and minimum gross salary laid out in a contract (2016: € 2,187)

Extension of the red-white-red card:

- for employed key employees: “red-white-red card plus”, valid for 12 months including free access to the labour market
- for self-employed key employees: “indefinite leave to remain”, valid for 12 months, access to labour market only with labour market document

Family reunification:

Family members (spouses, civil partners, minor children) receive a red-white-red card plus, valid for 12 months and with free access to the labour market. They have to submit their applications in person to the Austrian diplomatic representation abroad. If they are eligible for visa-free entry, they can also submit their application in Austria. Please note that this does not include a right of residence after the validity period of the visa has expired. Family members (except highly skilled persons) have to prove A1 level German language skills before coming to Austria. The proof must be no more than one year old at the time of application.

Please note

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:  
1200 Vienna, Dresdner Straße 93/ground floor  
Phone: (+43-1) 4000 35261, (+43-1) 4000 35374  
Fax: (+43-1) 4000 99 35270, 4000 99 35360  
E-mail: erstantrag@ma35.wien.gv.at

**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”)

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