



Main residence and application in Vienna Settlement permit researcher (“Niederlassungsbewilligung Forscher”)

The settlement permit researcher entitles you to reside and to work in Austria. In Vienna, a **master's degree is required** to be eligible for a settlement permit researcher title.

Please send a scan of the residence permit card via email to Human Resources: hr@ist.ac.at

Important information if you have a visa and it is your first application: Please apply for the settlement permit researcher card as soon as possible! If you have a visa your application does not entitle you to overstay this permitted time and you have to leave Austria if your card is not issued in time (before your visa expires).

Required documents (Please bring with you the original and a copy of all documents!)

- **Application form**
- Valid **passport**
- **Photo** (45x35mm, not older than six months)
- If needed: Marriage certificate, partnership document, certificate of divorce, adoption certificate, certificate or proof of the family relationship, certificate of the dissolution of registered partnership, death certificate
- Proof of locally customary **accommodation** (e.g. lease contracts, preliminary agreement on tenancy rights or ownership evidence), proof of payment of the rent, operating costs, etc. (*from 01.09.2018 on no proof of locally customary accommodation needed; but: proof of payment of rent, operating costs are still needed*)
- Proof of **health insurance** covering all risks (compulsory health insurance: e-card + confirmation of registration “Anmeldung” which you received in the welcome meeting; or equivalent insurance: insurance policy)
- **Employment contract**
- Proof of **income** (esp. payslip, confirmation of salary)
- **Hosting agreement** (provided by IST Austria)
- **Self-declaration** from the registry of the **creditor protection association** (e.g. KSV 1870 Information GmbH: <https://www.ksv.at/infopass-behoerden>), fee: 30 €
Only if a loan exists: proof of loan amount and proof of loan repayment

First application:

- Recent extract from the **criminal record** of the applicant

Extension:

- former residence permit card

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Please note: The following documents need to be legalized (need an apostille or a diplomatic/consular legalization): birth certificate, marriage certificate, partnership document, certificate of divorce, certificate of the dissolution of registered partnerships, death certificate, extract from the criminal record of your home country (certificate of good conduct).

Foreign-language documents need to be translated by a court interpreter and need a certification. In some cases the authorities asks for additional documents.

Fee

160 Euro

Validity

The resident permit researcher is valid as long as your hosting agreement or your employment contract is valid but not more than 2 years. Therefore, your passport must be valid at least for this time. After the 2 year period you may either apply again for “residence permit researcher” or for “red-white red card plus”. Important: After two years legal residence in Austria you can get a residence permit for three years if: Fulfilling module 1 of the integration agreement, e.g. school-leaving certificate which entitles to study plus certificate of equivalence (issued by ENIC NARIC Austria) and university degree.

Travelling

The residence permit of any European Union member state (as well as from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) entitles you to enter other Schengen-countries¹ and to reside in any Schengen-country for the maximum period of 90 days within the period of six months. When travelling to countries outside the Schengen area you have to check visa requirements.

¹ All European Union members, except Bulgaria, Romania and Cyprus. Iceland, Norway and Switzerland are also Schengen-countries.

Working

A residence permit of another European Union member state does not count as working permit in Austria (exception: valid working visa). You have to apply and receive the Austrian residence permit **before** the first day of your employment.

Competent authorities

NEW: Please be aware that you have to book an appointment:

<https://www.wien.gv.at/kontakte/ma35/terminvereinbarung-drittstaaten.html>

For the first application and extensions:

“MA 35 Fachbereich Einwanderung Referat 1.3 – Erstantragszentrum“

Address:

Zelinkagasse 9, 1010 Wien

Email:

13-ref@ma35.wien.gv.at

Opening hours:

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Mo – Fri: 7.30 am – 3.30 pm

closed on public holidays;

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