

Information for EEA citizens and Swiss citizens and their family members

EEA citizens and Swiss citizens can stay in Austria for 3 months without a visa.

You can stay in Austria for more than 3 months if you:

- are employed or self-employed in Austria **or**
- have adequate means of income to support yourself and your dependents and have sufficient health insurance coverage for yourself and your family members **or**
- attend an Austrian school or recognized educational institution as a main purpose of your stay and have sufficient means of income and comprehensive health insurance coverage.

Sufficient income can come from salary, wages, pensions, savings etc.

Within 4 months after entering Austria, EEA citizens, Swiss citizens and their family members must apply for a registration certificate or a residence card (for relatives who are not EEA or Swiss citizens themselves).

If you fail to make this application you will have to pay a fine.

If, as an EEA citizen or a Swiss citizen, you were registered in the federal territory before January 1st, 2006, your upright registration according to the Registration Act (Meldegesetz) is considered as a registration certificate.

If you are an EEA citizen or Swiss citizen and have been in Austria legally for 5 years without interruption, you can apply for a **certificate of permanent residence**. As a relative, you can apply for a **permanent residence card** if you are not an EEA or Swiss citizen yourself.

You will get general information – e.g. which documents have to be presented – from the responsible settlement authority; this is mostly the district administration (Bezirkshauptmannschaft) or the magistrate (Magistrat) of the place of residence.