

INTEGRATION DECLARATION

Last name
First name
Date of birth
Nationality

Preamble

The Republic of Austria provides integration measures for the rapid integration of persons entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection. Successful integration requires the participation and active collaboration of persons entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection. The basic values of Austria, a European, democratic country, must be acknowledged, respected and adhered to as a prerequisite for successful integration.

Basic values of coexistence in Austria

Social coexistence is based on the following basic values of the legal and social order that apply to all people in Austria and that are explained in depth in the Values and Orientation Courses provided by the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF).

- Austria is a liberal state committed to human dignity, freedom and equality. In Austria, personal freedom and self-determination are exercised within the framework of the law. The equal status of men and women in Austria is enshrined in law and applies to all areas of life without exception.
- Austria is a state governed by the rule of law whose administration and courts operate solely on the basis of the law. The police therefore also act exclusively in accordance with the law, in the same way that all people in Austria are required to live by the law. The state protects religious freedom on condition that religion is exercised within the framework of the law. Religious rules are always subservient to the law in Austria. The state does not act according to the rules or texts of a religion but only on the basis of laws.
- Austria is a democracy whose laws emanate from the people. The people's representatives, who are chosen in free elections, debate and pass these laws. Education is a vital prerequisite for being able to actively participate in political discussions with a sense of self-determination and thus in public decision-making. Young girls and boys are required to attend kindergarten and school.
- Austria is a republic founded on the principle of social solidarity. It is based on the performance and commitment of every single person and works towards the common good. In the context of a caring society, everyone in Austria must make their contribution to rapidly achieving a state of self-reliance. The abuse of the state benefits system is severely dealt with.
- Austria is a federal state. Its constitution and the derived values of the legal and social order form the framework for cultural diversity in Austria.
- Austria is a state whose powers are distributed amongst various bodies and institutions that exercise mutual control over each other. It is therefore impossible in Austria for all state power to be vested in a single person.

Violations of these basic values can result in sanctions under the law. These range from fines and terms of imprisonment to the withdrawal of the right of residence.

Integration measures

The goal of all integration measures for persons entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection is to rapidly develop self-reliance as well as active participation in Austria's social, economic and cultural life. To this end, the Republic of Austria provides integration measures whose fulfilment is of fundamental importance to the integration process.

Persons entitled to asylum and subsidiary protection are, pursuant to § 6 Integration Act, Federal Law Gazette I No. 68/2017, subject to the obligation to participate and collaborate fully in and complete national integration measures as listed below:

- German language courses pursuant to § 4 Integration Act;
- Values and orientation courses pursuant to § 5 Integration Act.

Violations of these obligations are subject to sanctions under the law and will result in a curtailment of state benefits pursuant to § 6 sec. 2 or sec. 3 Integration Act (social welfare benefits or needs-based minimum benefit, unemployment benefit or unemployment assistance) and/or may result in a curtailment of basic welfare support benefits, depending on the regulations in force in individual federal states.

I hereby declare that I acknowledge and will uphold the basic values of coexistence in Austria in full and that I have noted and understood the content of the Integration Declaration in its entirety. I will fulfil the integration obligations contained herein for my personal well-being and the well-being of society as a whole and take part in my integration process under my own responsibility.

Name in block capitals and signature

Place, Date

Stamp

Legal notice

Refusal to sign this Integration Declaration will result in sanctions pursuant to § 6 Integration Act.