

FAQ IN ENGLISH

As a Ukrainian citizen, do I need a visa to enter Austria? If you have a biometric passport, in principle, you do not need a visa for short stays of up to 90 days within 180 days. If you do not have a biometric passport or are planning a longer stay or employment, a visa is usually required.

As a Ukrainian citizen, where can I get a visa for Austria if I need one? Currently the Austrian Embassy in Kiev is not able to issue Visa. You may apply for a visa at:

- the Austrian Embassy in Ljubljana,
- the Austrian Embassy in Bratislava or
- at the Consulate General in Munich.

More information on this can be found here (Federal Ministry European and International Affairs): <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/>.

I have relatives in Ukraine and would like to bring them to Austria. How does that work? Please read the information mentioned above under points 1 and 2.

I am a legally staying in Austria, but my legal stay will soon come to an end. What should I do? As long as you are legally staying in Austria and as long as it is impossible for you to leave for Ukraine (a nationwide state of war is considered an impossibility), you can apply for a visa for special reasons at the provincial police directorate. More information here: <https://www.polizei.gv.at/>.

My legal stay in Austria has come to an end and I am staying in the country illegally because I could not/ cannot leave for Ukraine. What happens now? As long as you cannot travel to Ukraine because this is impossible (a nationwide state of war is considered an impossibility), you will, in principle, not have to expect any punishment. As soon as it is possible again, however, you have to leave Austria.

Does SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 affect whether I am allowed to enter Austria? In this context, please note the COVID-19 entry regulation currently in force. Persons entering the country due to a military conflict are exempt from the regulation's application. For further information, please contact the competent Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (www.sozialministerium.at/en.html).

I was evacuated from Ukraine to a neighbouring country, but I do not have a visa or residence permit for the Schengen area. However, I received an entry stamp in my passport when I entered the Schengen area. In order to travel to my home country, I would have to depart from Vienna-Schwechat Airport. Is this possible? Yes. The entry stamp affixed to the passport upon entry constitutes an entry permit of a Schengen country bordering Ukraine. This entry permit extends to the entire Schengen area, thus also to the Austrian territory, for the purpose of transit and immediate subsequent departure to the home country, irrespective of whether Austria carries out internal border controls or not. You are therefore legally in Austria

for as long as is necessary for the purpose of your onward journey to your home country as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, there is no flight to my home country for a few days. Is that a problem? And: Would it be possible to take a holiday in Austria and then travel home on a later flight? If there is no earlier possibility for you to return home, you are staying in Austria legally until you leave as soon as possible. You have to take your opportunity to return home independently, as soon as possible and immediately, otherwise you will be punishable. Taking a holiday in Austria and only starting your journey home afterwards is therefore not possible if there are earlier available flights.

I would like to work in Austria as a seasonal worker/ harvest worker and need a visa for this, but I am still in Ukraine. How do I get the visa? If it is not possible to apply for a visa at the Public Embassy in Kiev, you can, in principle, enter the Schengen area without a visa if you have a biometric passport and submit your visa application at the Austrian Embassies in Ljubljana and Bratislava or at the Consulate General in Munich.

I am already staying in Austria without a visa and would now like to apply for a visa for the first time in order to work as a seasonal worker/harvest worker in Austria. What do I do? If you are legally resident in Austria, you can submit your first application for a visa for seasonal workers/ harvest workers at the Austrian Embassies in Ljubljana and Bratislava or at the Consulate General in Munich.

I am already working as a seasonal worker/harvest worker in Austria and would like to extend my employment and thus my visa.As before, you can do this domestically at the competent provincial police directorate.

I am a Ukrainian citizen, my previous life centered in Ukraine, and I have fled Ukraine due to the current situation. I would like to enter Austria or transit through Austria in order to reach a personal point of contact (e.g. family, friends, other persons of reference) in Austria or another country. Unfortunately, I do not dispose of the necessary documentation, as I do not have a biometric passport or a visa. Can I still enter or pass through Austria?You may be granted entry or transit on humanitarian grounds after an individual case-by-case examination, if you can prove your Ukrainian nationality and identity during a border control, you are not subject to an entry ban or a residence ban, there is no reason to assume that you pose a threat to public order or internal security, and you can show credibly the above-mentioned circumstances.

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