



MA 35 –
Einwanderung,
Staatsbürgerschaft,
Standesamt

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Fact sheet – fast facts

Regaining Austrian Citizenship (acc. to Art. 58c of the Citizenship Act)

Eligible persons

Persons who had to leave Austria before 9 May 1945 because they were persecuted by the Nazi regime, or were under threat of persecution by the Nazi regime, or were persecuted because they defended the democratic Republic of Austria **can be granted Austrian citizenship** provided they were Austrian nationals at the time of their leaving (acc. to Art. 58c of the Austrian Citizenship Act).

Please note that you have to fill in a form to apply for Austrian citizenship. The form (“Anzeige”) is available from Municipal Department 35, A-1200 Vienna, Dresdnerstraße 93, and from Austrian diplomatic representations abroad.

Processing your application

If you are eligible and want to regain Austrian citizenship please contact the Austrian diplomatic representation (embassy or consulate general) if you live abroad or the Office of the Vienna Provincial Parliament (“Amt der Wiener Landesregierung”). Please complete the form “Anzeige gemäß § 58c StbG”, **sign** it personally, and submit it to the Austrian diplomatic representation abroad or send it to the Office of the Vienna Provincial Parliament.

Necessary supporting documents (*if available*)

- birth certificate (copy)
- all marriage certificates (copy)
- documents regarding a possible change of name (copies)
- naturalisation certificate or other documents proving that you obtained another nationality (copies)
- certificate of your current citizenship(s) (copy of your passport)
- documents proving that you used to hold Austrian citizenship (copies of old Austrian passports, certificates of right of residence (“Heimatschein”), residence registration certificates, etc.)
- current police clearance certificate of the country where you live (if you live abroad)

Please note that we need this document due to the good character requirements that are applicable if you want to regain Austrian citizenship.

Documents issued in a foreign language

If any of the necessary supporting documents were issued in a language other than German or English please have them translated into German by a professional translator. Some Austrian diplomatic representations may make translations if requested.



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You do not need to give up your present nationality to become an Austrian citizen.

Please note that some countries will not let you have two nationalities which means that you automatically lose your other nationality if you obtain Austrian citizenship.

Stateless persons or citizens of one of the successor states of the Austro-Hungarian Empire

Persons who had to leave Austria before 9 May 1945 because they were persecuted by the Nazi regime but were not Austrian citizens at the time because they were stateless or citizens of one of the successor states of the Austro-Hungarian Empire (e.g. citizens of Poland or Czechoslovakia) can be granted Austrian citizenship (acc. to Art. 10 (4) (2) of the Austrian Citizenship Act).

Children, grandchildren, wives

Children or grandchildren of persons who have regained or are eligible to regain Austrian citizenship should apply for declaratory proceedings to ascertain their citizenship status. The same regulation is applicable for **wives** who married before 1 July 1966.

Competent authority

Please note that the Office of the Vienna Provincial Government, Municipal Department 35, is responsible for your citizenship application provided you live abroad and were born in Vienna or abroad.

If you live abroad and were born in a federal province of Austria other than Vienna, the federal province you were born in is responsible for your application (e.g. if you were born in Lower Austria, please contact the Office of the Provincial Government of Lower Austria (“Amt der Niederösterreichischen Landesregierung”). If you have your primary residence in Austria please contact the Office of the Provincial Government of the federal province you live in.

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