

Citizenship by Merit

Austria

Full Austrian citizenship and an EU passport, granted for a substantial contribution to the economy or extraordinary achievement, with no prior residence required.

~190	None	Immediate	10 years
Visa-free or visa-on-arrival destinations	Prior residence requirement	Passport application after approval	Austrian passport validity

Why Austria

Austria is considered one of the most stable countries in the world and boasts a high standard of living, with a world-class capital, Vienna, and a rich cultural and historic heritage. An excellent place to establish residence within the EU, it is the only Western European country that offers the possibility to obtain citizenship by merit and an EU passport without prior residence requirements.

Key benefits

EU passport
Full Austrian citizenship, with visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to approximately 190 destinations.

Live across Europe
The right to reside anywhere else in the EU and in Switzerland.

High quality of life
One of the world's most stable countries, with a rich cultural and historic heritage.

Strong connections
Excellent transport and communications.

Country profile

Population
9.2 million

Languages
German

Economy
Advanced and well-developed

Currency
Euro

Program overview

- A substantial contribution to the Austrian economy or extraordinary achievements in the interests of Austria
- Freedom of travel to Austria, the EU, the Schengen Area, Canada and Hong Kong, among others

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Qualifying routes

Citizenship is granted on the basis of one of the following.

Option 1
Economic contribution

Investment
A substantial contribution to the economy, such as a joint venture or direct business investment that creates jobs or new export sales.

Option 2
Extraordinary achievement

Merit
Extraordinary achievements in the interest of Austria.

Main applicant requirements

- A certificate of no criminal record
- A comprehensive CV and background business information
- Impeccable references
- Basic knowledge of the German language for dependents

Good to know

- No prior residence in Austria is required
- The passport application can be lodged immediately after citizenship is granted
- Austrian passports are valid for 10 years and easily renewable at a nominal cost

Your application journey

Onboarding

01 Client contacts Phoenix Immigration Consulting Services
02 Initial due diligence checks completed
03 Client agreement signed and retainer paid

Application

04 Requirements fulfilled
05 Application for Austrian citizenship submitted to the government

Approval

06 Application approved
07 **Full citizenship received**

Talk to a Phoenix advisor

We assess your eligibility, compare the routes open to you and manage your application from first consultation to approval.

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