Federal Office for
Immigration
and Asylum

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Extension of residence rights for displaced persons from Ukraine

I have a temporary right of residence in Austria as a displaced person from the Ukraine. Do I have to apply to extend this right of residence?

No. The right of residence for displaced persons from Ukraine is automatically extended until 4 March 2027.

The validity date on my ID card for displaced persons ends on 4 March 2026. Do I have to apply for a new ID card?

No. No further steps are necessary on your part. The Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum (BFA) will **automatically** issue a new ID card with an extended validity date to all already registered displaced persons with a valid residence in Austria.

Important: Please make sure that you notify the registration office immediately of any change in your place of residence so that the ID card can be sent to you. You can find more information about this here: https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/en/themen/dokumente_und_recht/an__abmeldung_des_wohnsitzes.html.

Will my temporary right of residence expire if I do not receive an ID card with an extended validity date by 4 March 2026?

No. Although the "ID card for displaced persons" documents the temporary right of residence for displaced persons from Ukraine, it will continue to exist after 4 March 2026, regardless of the validity date on this card.

What happens if there are problems issuing my new ID card with an extended validity date?

The BFA will carry out an examination in all cases in which there are open questions regarding the extension and will contact you if further information is required from you.

4 March 2026 has already passed and I have not yet received a new ID card with an extended validity date. Who should I contact to sort this out?

Please be patient. As long as you have a valid registration in the Central Register of Residents (ZMR), the new ID card with an extended validity date should be able to be sent to you.

I plan to relocate to another country or return to Ukraine before 4 March 2026. Do I have to inform the BFA about this?

Please inform the responsible organisational unit of the BFA about your departure and send your identity card for displaced persons back to the responsible organisational unit. You can find the addresses here: www.bfa.gv.at/kontakt.

I am planning a trip abroad and may not be in Austria at the moment when the new ID card with an extended validity date is going to be sent to me. What can I do about that?

The ID will be sent by registered letter. This can also be received by other people (e.g. relatives) at your address. If you are not there when the delivery is attempted, you will receive a notification in the mailbox and can pick up your ID at the post office. Pay attention to the deadline specified on the notification. As soon as this period has expired, the ID card will be sent back to the BFA. In this case, please contact the responsible organisational unit of the BFA and make an appointment to collect it from the BFA. You can find the contact details here: www.bfa.gv.at/kontakt.

I received a notification that the letter with the ID was deposited at the post office and I wasn't able to pick it up in time. What can I do about that?

The ID card can be collected from the post office within the period stated on the notification. The ID card will then be sent back to the BFA. In this case, please contact the responsible organisational unit of the BFA and make an appointment to collect it from the BFA. You can find the contact details here: www.bfa.gv.at/kontakt.

I am planning a trip abroad and will only return to Austria after 4 March 2026. Can I still enter the country with my old expired ID?

Your right of residence as a displaced person will continue to exist after 4 March 2026, regardless of the expiry date on your ID card. It is therefore also possible to enter Austria with an ID card that has expired.

I have already received a new ID card with an extended validity date, but my personal data is incorrect. Who can help me?

Please contact the responsible organisational unit of the BFA. You can find the contact details here: www.bfa.gv.at/kontakt.