

## CHECKLIST: WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE YOU COME TO LOWER AUSTRIA

### IN GENERAL

- Gather all the relevant information about your future home in Lower Austria.
- Please make sure that you have all relevant and important personal documents for you and your family members (birth certificate, marriage certificate, valid passport...) at hand. **Please note:** Translations and certifications may be necessary in some cases!
- Bring along all work-relevant documents of you and your family members. Have them translated into German, if possible.
- Bring along your children's school certificates and school attendance confirmations. Have them translated into German, if possible.

### FOR EEA CITIZENS

- Gather and fill out electronic forms for you and your family, if necessary (sometimes required for co-insurance and family allowance). Please also have a look at our [Health section](#).
- If you want to bring your car with you, make sure you have an EU driving licence and bring along all car-related documents (buying contract, approval certificate, insurance papers...).
- If you want to bring your pets to Lower Austria, please make sure you have an EU pet passport and all necessary vaccinations for them.

### FOR CITIZENS OF THIRD COUNTRIES

- If necessary, file a visa application. For more information, please have a look at our [Work & Permit section](#).
- If needed, file an application for a residence permit. **Please note:** Residents of some countries need to complete the application in their country of origin; others can apply directly in Austria. If you need help, please [contact us](#).
- If needed, get insurance coverage for your family until they can be co-insured in Austria.

- If you want to bring your car with you, please be aware of customs duties.
- If you bring pets, there are special regulations. Please contact us.

## **PRACTICAL TIPS**

- Inform authorities of your home country (postal office, residence registration office, school) and in Austria (embassy, consulate) of your planned move to Austria.
- Keep track of and file all invoices related to your move for future tax deduction purposes.
- Visit your personal doctor and/or dentist and arrange for any check-ups that might be necessary during the first six months of your stay. Provide for minimally a one-month supply of important personal medications. Also update necessary vaccinations for yourself and all family members.
- If you plan to move with the help of a moving company, contact and contract an international transportation company to help you with your move. If you plan to manage the move alone, collect and coordinate packing materials, people to help you during your move, and reliable transportation for your possessions and clarify customs matters.
- Organise short-term accommodation (hotel, apartment, etc.) for use upon arrival. Please have a look at our Housing section for information regarding different short-term and long-term rentals (e.g. Airbnb, booking.com).
- Bring sufficient funds to cover any expected or unexpected expenses (rent, living costs, customs fees, application fees) that may arise during the first month.

Do you need help? Contact us: [expat@ecoplus.at](mailto:expat@ecoplus.at)