



I. Preamble

The Republic of Austria is fully committed to observing human rights and grants you a right of residence as a Convention refugee or as a beneficiary of subsidiary protection. You will be treated with respect. In return, the Republic of Austria expects you to show respect for our community and the jurisdiction of a western community of Christian values.

The Republic of Austria and the Province of Upper Austria are making a great contribution to the integration of refugees. The Province of Upper Austria therefore expects you to pro-actively contribute to your integration and that you respect and observe the fundamental rules of our community. You must refrain from any measures which conflict with this integration.

The Province of Upper Austria would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the fundamental rules for coexistence and the integration measures offered. These integration measures are a prerequisite for ensuring security in our society and positive coexistence.

II. Important fundamental values and rules for coexistence

- Austria is a democratic republic. All citizens are equal before the law. Privileges of birth, gender, status, class or religious denomination are excluded.
- Austria is a state under the rule of law. Government action is based on the Austrian Constitution as well as federal and regional statutes. Legislation rests with the Austrian Parliament, Federal Council and the provincial parliaments, which are comprised of democratically-elected representatives. These laws also specify rules for coexistence in the form of regulations or official orders.
- All forms of physical and/or psychological violence towards other people, especially towards women and children, are forbidden. This applies to both public and private life.
- Every person in Austria can shape their own lives in terms of religious belief, tradition, interests, sexual orientation and political attitude. However, in doing so, they must not break the applicable laws or breach the integrity of other people.
- Men and women have equal rights in Austria. The coexistence of women and men in Austria is characterised by respect and appreciation.
- Upper Austria has compulsory kindergarten and schooling for girls and boys.

You will be provided with detailed and explanatory information on these fundamental rules in the compulsory Values and Orientation Courses, which are carried out by the Austrian Integration Fund in cooperation with the Province of Upper Austria.

The Province of Upper Austria expects you:

to respect the fundamental values and rules for coexistence and to successfully attend Values and Orientation Courses.

III. Learning the German language

It is absolutely necessary that you learn the German language as it is a necessary basis for completing education and being successful in your working life. The German language is a basic prerequisite for communication in our country. This creates the basis for community living and social interaction in Austria.

The Province of Upper Austria expects you:

to acquire German language skills and certification in accordance with international language levels.

IV. Work and the social system

It is our aim to create jobs for as many people as possible and to provide you with employment. High levels of employment are a prerequisite for a functioning social community. Financial and economic independence for everyone is an important aim of integration.

I hereby acknowledge and accept the contents of this Statement on Integration, including the information on the fundamental rules for coexistence and integration in Upper Austria.

Adherence to this Statement on Integration is a prerequisite for receiving the integration bonus as part of the needs-based minimum benefits system. Refusal to adhere to any measures set out in this Statement on Integration will lead to the integration bonus being reduced accordingly.

The Province of Upper Austria expects you:

to show willingness and pro-actively attempt to find a job or to pursue self-employment as quickly as possible. It is also expected that you acquire any qualifications required to help your integration into the Austrian employment market.

Full name	
Date and place of birth	
Nationality	
Proof of identity	
Date of application under the 2005 Austrian Asylum Act [Asylgesetz]	
Decision under the 2005 Austrian Asylum Act (date and case number)	
Residential address	

Place, date

Personal signature