

Dear Sir/Madam,

You have received the following enquiry from Statistics Austria in German. Letter and form have been translated into English. When returning the form, please use the German response form that we have sent you. Thank you.

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Mr/Ms

NAME

ADDRESS

Dear Sir/Madam,

For the 2011 Population Census, Statistics Austria has carried out a register-based census. The Central Population Register shows that you were registered at the following address as your main residence on **31 October 2011**:

ADDRESS → in original letter
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You are hereby asked to state whether your main residence (the centre of your vital interests; see overleaf) was in fact in Austria on 31 October 2011.

**Please fill in the enclosed form** and return it to us in the enclosed reply envelope as quickly as possible, at the latest **by 19 October 2012**. Postage for this letter will be paid by Statistics Austria. Please note that you are **legally obliged to provide this information**.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail us at [registerzaehlung@statistik.gv.at](mailto:registerzaehlung@statistik.gv.at) or phone the free register-based census hotline (+43 (0)800 799 711). If the printed registration data needs to be corrected, please contact your registration authority.

Please be aware that answers may only be given in German. Information in other languages can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Mag. Manuela Lenk

Head of the Register-Based Census Division

Department of Registers, Classifications and Methodology

Please turn over!

### **Information on the 2011 Population Census**

Statistics Austria is obliged by law to conduct population censuses. It is required to do so at international level by Regulation (EC) No. 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses and at national level by the Register Based Census Act, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) I No. 33/2006. One of the objectives is to determine the population size in Austria's municipalities. This is very important for the municipalities since the amount of funding allocated to them from the fiscal equalisation system depends on the size of their population.

### **Definition of main residence (in accordance with the Registration Act (MeldeG) Section 1 paras 7 and 8):**

*The main residence of a person is established as the accommodation in which he/she has settled with the intention, be it proven or emerging from the circumstances, to make it the centre of his/her vital interests; if, following an overall assessment of the occupational, economic and social relations of a person, this substantive requirement applies to several residences, then he/she shall designate as the principal residence the residence to which he/she has a closer relationship.*

*When establishing the centre of a person's vital interests, the following criteria are particularly important: length of stay, location of workplace or educational institution, starting point of the journey to the workplace or educational institution, residence of other members of the family, in particular minors, and the location at which they are employed, educated or attend school or nursery, functions in public and private bodies.*

Please note that you are obliged to provide information under Section 5 para. 5 of the Register Based Census Act, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) No. 33/2006. In accordance with Section 66 of the Federal Statistics Act, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) I No. 163/1999, refusal to provide information and the provision of untruthful information shall be punishable as an administrative offence.

**Information in 16 other languages on the website**

[www.statistik.at/wsa](http://www.statistik.at/wsa)

File number

Mr/Ms  
NAME

ADDRESS  
DATE OF BIRTH

To  
Bundesanstalt Statistik Österreich  
Abteilung Register, Klassifikationen u. Methodik  
Bereich Registerzählung  
Guglgasse 13  
A-1110 Wien

According to information from the Central Population Register, you were registered at the following address:

ADDRESS → *in original letter*

as your **main residence** on the reference date of **31 October 2011**.

Was your main residence in Austria on 31 October 2011?

Please tick as appropriate:

**YES**, my main residence was in **Austria** on **31 October 2011**

**NO**, my main residence was **outside of Austria** on **31 October 2011**

Please note the definition of main residence as the centre of your vital interests (also see information on the population census on the reverse side of the accompanying letter).

For your information: If you continue to have accommodation in Austria, Austria will remain your main residence if you spend short or long-term periods in another country (e.g. for work or education-related purposes, holiday home abroad).

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Date

Signature

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITHOUT DELAY.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.