

Input for the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Human Rights Council Resolution 20/2

In Austria, the Civilian Service Act forms the legal basis for conscientious objection to military service. This law stipulates that conscripts have at least six months after the conclusion of their recruitment procedure, in which they are found to be fit for military service, to submit their declaration of civilian service if they refuse for reasons of conscience to use armed force against people.

Source:

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=10005603&FassungVom=2022-02-15>

In the annual reports of the Ombudsman Board to the National Council and to the Federal Council from the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, each in the volume "Control of Public Administration", no grievances regarding conscientious objection are mentioned.

Source:

<https://volksanwaltschaft.gv.at/en/reports#anchor-index-2951>