

INFORMATION SHEET ON CAREER INTERRUPTIONS

Interruptions to your career for a documentable period of time that is relevant to the application can be accounted for based on the grounds listed below. Unless otherwise stated, deadline extensions apply equally to deadlines for providing proof of qualification (doctorate) and proof of publication records. All exemptions listed below are limited to 36 months and can only be accumulated if a total of 36 months is not exceeded. Accumulation beyond 36 months is possible only within the first category of exemptions (pregnancy, etc.); in these cases, the respective duration based on the number of children applies. 12 months may be accounted for to compensate for situations which have led to a reduced ability to work but are not clearly definable in duration. Please complete the required [form](#) and give your explicit consent to data processing on the last page. If there is any uncertainty about accounting for career interruptions, the FWF recommends contacting the FWF Office or the [FWF Equal Opportunities in Research Funding](#) office in good time before submitting the application to confirm that any career interruptions can be accounted for. In cases of doubt, the appropriate decision-making bodies of the FWF shall decide on applicants' eligibility.

Ground for exemption	Supporting evidence (to be indicated in the form)	Accountable duration
Pregnancy/birth/childcare¹	No proof is required if the applicant was subject to the maternity protection period If the applicant is the parent who did not carry the child: Confirmation from an employer on the duration of parental leave or proof of receipt of the childcare allowance	A max. of 36 months per child can be accounted for if the applicant was subject to the maternity protection period If the applicant is the parent who did not carry the child: Duration of documented parental leave per child
Long-term illness or disability resulting in career interruptions or reduced ability to work	Confirmation from an employer of the reason and duration of the sick leave or the reduction of working hours, or medical proof of the sick leave period (no diagnosis)	max. 36 months

¹ Childcare includes parental leave periods, if applicable.

Care of immediate relatives and/or persons living in the same household²	Confirmation from an employer of the reason and duration of the interruption or the reduction of working hours, or medical proof of the period of absence due to caretaking obligations (no diagnosis)	max. 36 months
Clinical training; medical specialist training	Confirmation from the educational institution/clinic	max. 36 months
Periods of military or civilian service	Proof of military service or civilian service certification	Duration of military or civilian service
Flight and asylum	Asylum decision	Duration of the asylum procedure

² Immediate family members and/or persons living in the same household: Spouses, registered partners, parents, children, adopted, step, and foster children, siblings, parents-in-law, and children-in-law.