

# Apply for a gun ownership card

For a "sharp" firearm you need a gun ownership card.

## Competent Department

- [Ordnungsamt | Referat 11 - Waffen- und Jagdangelegenheiten](#)

## Basic information

Whoever wants to acquire a weapon needs a so-called "weapon possession card", which must be applied for. The legal acquisition of a weapon is linked to a weapon-legal need (e.g. as a hunter, sports shooter or similar).

## Requirements

- Age of majority
- Reliability (in particular no criminal record)
- Expertise (proof by special examination or by previous training, e.g. as a hunter or sports shooter)
- Physical aptitude (no health restrictions, sufficient eyesight)
- Need (e.g. if someone needs the weapon as a sports marksman or markswoman or as a hunter, or if a special danger is to be assumed, e.g. as an escort for money transport)

Please note that a general feeling of danger or uncertainty is not sufficient as a need.

## What documents do I need?

- valid identity card, passport or travel document
- Proof of need (please ask the firearms authority individually)
- Certificate of competence

## Procedure

For further information please call +421 361-21 44.

## Legal bases

- [Waffengesetz](#)

**How long does it take to process**

usually up to 6 weeks

**What are the costs?**

10,00 EUR up to 300 EUR. The fee amount varies according to the reason for need.