

Application for restaurant exemption

You want to operate outdoor gastronomy in Bremen or Bremerhaven?

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Bau, Mobilität und Stadtentwicklung | Abteilung 6 Stadtplanung/ Bauordnung \(Bremen Stadt\)](#)
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- [Bauordnungsamt/Wohnungsaufsicht](#)

Basic information

Restaurateurs need a building permit if they want to operate an outdoor seating area in front of their restaurant, as well as a special use permit if they use public land in the process.

Procedure

- Application via the online service or form.
- After receipt of the documents, they are checked for completeness and, if necessary, additional documents are requested.
- Public bodies to be involved are heard during the procedure.
- Depending on the application, also consultation with applicant:s.
- Issuance of the revocable building permit for the restaurant and special use permit with any conditions.

Legal bases

- [Bremische Landesbauordnung \(BremLBO\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The use can be applied for a maximum of one year, or half a year.

How long does it take to process

After receipt of the complete and verifiable application documents approx. 8 weeks (participation of various technical authorities).

What are the costs?

For the municipality of Bremen:

Fee for building permit (minimum fee 130,00 €)

Fee for special use 390,00 € one-time fee

Fee for special use depending on location and size of area

The fees are derived from the cost regulations for special use in accordance with the Bremen State Road Act in the municipality of Bremen (special use cost regulations).

For the city of Bremerhaven:

Fee for building permit (minimum fee 130,00 €)

Fee for special use depending on the location and size of the area (2.50 € per m² per month).

The fees are derived from the fee schedule for special use in accordance with the Bremen State Road Act in the city of Bremerhaven (special use fee schedule).