

Apply for an operating license for a pharmacy

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If you want to open a new pharmacy or take over a pharmacy, you must submit a written application for an operating license.

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Gesundheit, Frauen und Verbraucherschutz | Referat 23 Pharmazie, Umwelthygiene und Toxikologie](#)

Basic information

In the documents to be submitted, you will demonstrate your qualifications as a permit holder, prove that you have suitable operating premises, and affirm under oath that you will comply with certain legal requirements.

Requirements

Permission shall be granted upon application if you meet all the requirements under Section 2 of the Pharmacy Act.

What documents do I need?

- More details in the leaflet

For more details on the type and scope of the documents, please refer to the leaflet on the application for a pharmacy operating license under "Further information".

Procedure

- Submission of the documents as scans or originals, as well as submission of the necessary original documents (e.g. lease agreement, purchase agreement)
- Examination of the documents

- Issuance of the pharmacy operating license, provided that all requirements are met.

Legal bases

- [§1 \(2\) Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§2 Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§ 6 Apothekengesetz \(ApoG\)](#)
- [§ 2a Apothekenbetriebsordnung \(ApBetrO\)](#)
- [§ 4 Apothekenbetriebsordnung \(ApBetrO\)](#)
- [§ 4 \(1\) Nr. 4 Bundes-Apothekerordnung](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Please submit your completed application at least 6 weeks prior to the scheduled opening date.

How long does it take to process

After complete submission of all necessary documents usually 4-6 weeks. In case of need for clarification, the processing time may be longer.

What are the costs?

Please note that the issuance of the permit is subject to a fee in accordance with Section 500.01 of the current Bremen Health Cost Ordinance. Any necessary monitoring measures will be invoiced separately in accordance with item 500.08.