

Applying for an extension of the mining license

Are you or your company in possession of a mining permit for the extraction of mineral resources and the permit period is expiring? Then you can apply to the competent authority for an extension.

Competent Department

- [Landesamt für Bergbau, Energie und Geologie | Geozentrum Hannover](#)

Basic information

With a mining permit, you are the only person permitted to prospect for and extract certain mineral resources within a defined area.

Permits are issued for a limited period of time. You can have this permit extended if the permit period expires in the foreseeable future and the deposit has not yet been exhausted. To do so, you must submit an application to the competent authority.

Requirements

Certain requirements must be met for your permit to be extended:

- You have a mining permit valid at the time of application to prospect and extract a specific mineral resource in the permit field and to acquire ownership of it.
- The deposit is not yet exhausted.
- The extraction of the mineral resource must be carried out in an orderly and planned manner.

The extension period must be appropriate to the mining project.

Procedure

You can apply to extend your permit online via the "BergPass" platform or in writing to your local mountain authority.

Renewal online apply:

- Go to the "BergPass" online platform and log in.
 - To register, you will need a BundID and an identity card or residence permit with an active online ID function.
- Call up the application form and fill it out completely and truthfully.

- Upload the required documents as a file and send the application.

Apply for an extension in writing:

- Contact your responsible mining authority and coordinate the required application documents.
- Submit the application and all required documents.

Further procedural steps:

- The competent authority will review your application and the documents submitted. If any documents are missing, the authority will contact you.
- You will receive a notification by post informing you of the decision on your application. In addition, the decision will be sent electronically to the relevant mailbox (BundID or ELSTER company account) in advance and information will be displayed in BergPass.
- You will also receive a notification of costs. Pay the fees

Legal bases

- [§ 10 Bundesberggesetz \(BBergG\)](#)
- [§ 8 Bundesberggesetz \(BBergG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Objection period: 1 month

How long does it take to process

3 - 6 months.

What are the costs?

Not specified.