

# Applying for a transfer of the mining license

If you want to transfer the mining license to a third party, you need the approval of the competent authority.

## Competent Department

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

## Basic information

With a mining permit, you are the only person permitted to search for and extract the granted mineral resource in a defined area.

The area covered by the permit is limited to the earth's surface and theoretically extends to the center of the earth.

If you or your company have a mining permit for the exploration of mineral resources, you can transfer this to third parties under certain conditions. To do so, you need the written consent of the competent authority.

## Requirements

- You, or your representatives, must have the necessary legal reliability.
- You must be able to credibly demonstrate that you can provide the necessary financing for proper exploration.
- Your exploration project must not jeopardize the sensible and planned exploration and extraction of non-mineable or underground mineral resources.
- Your exploration project must not impair any mineral resources whose protection is in the public interest.
- Your exploration project must not affect any overriding public interests that preclude the search in the entire field to be allocated, for example environmental and animal protection.

## Procedure

You can apply for the transfer of your permit online via the "BergPass" platform or in writing to your competent mountain authority.

Applying for the transfer of a permit online:

- 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 in writing for the transfer of a permit:

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

Further procedural steps:

- The competent authority will check your application and the documents submitted. If any documents are missing, they 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

- [§ 22 Absatz 1 Bundesberggesetz \(BBergG\)](#)

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Period of validity: 0 - 50 years

The duration of a permit depends largely on the mineral resource and the predicted occurrence.

Permits are issued for a limited period of time, which must be appropriate for the implementation of the planned extraction. This may only exceed 50 years if this is necessary in view of the investments normally required for the extraction.

If you do not commence extraction within 3 years of the permit being issued, the permit may be revoked. The same applies if you interrupt your extraction work for longer than 3 years.

## How long does it take to process

1 - 4 weeks.

The processing time depends largely on the quality and completeness of the application documents.

## **What are the costs?**

Not specified.