

## Apply for a European firearms pass

If you want to take your firearms with you within the European Union (EU) or to Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, you will need a European firearms pass.

### Competent Department

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

### Basic information

The European firearms pass allows holders of firearms possession cards to temporarily take weapons and ammunition with them when visiting another EU member state or Schengen state. It only allows short-term, cross-border transportation of your weapons for a purpose that is covered by your legal firearms requirements (e.g. hunting trip, participation in a shooting event).

The European firearms pass is valid for 5 years and can be extended twice for 5 years at a time.

Only weapons for which you have a valid permit to purchase and possess (gun ownership card) are entered in your European Firearms Pass. A maximum of 10 weapons can be entered in the European Firearms Pass.

You may take the corresponding ammunition with you for the registered weapons, but only as much as you are likely to need. Experience has shown that hunters need less ammunition than sports shooters.

Not every weapon that is registered in the European Firearms Pass may automatically be taken abroad. The respective firearms regulations of the host country and all countries through which you are traveling must be observed. Appropriate permits from countries to be visited must be obtained in advance. Therefore, please inform yourself comprehensively about the firearms regulations applicable in the respective countries before your trip.

In addition to the European firearms pass, you must also carry an identification document and the firearms ownership card in which the firearms are registered. It is also advisable to

carry an invitation from the hunting club or the hunting license for the country or confirmation of registration for a shooting competition.

The European firearms pass is not an import document and does not entitle you to take firearms or ammunition abroad permanently. You will need other permits for this.

## Requirements

You must have a valid permit for the purchase and possession of the weapons (e.g. hunting license or gun ownership card) that are to be entered in the European firearms pass.

## What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Weapons possession card (WBK) or hunting license
- current photograph
  - (not older than 1 year, at least 45 x 35 millimeters in size, with a light background)

## Procedure

You must apply for the European firearms pass at the competent firearms authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The firearms authority will issue you with the European firearms pass if you meet the necessary requirements.

### Application in paper form

- You can request a print-out of the application form by e-mail at [waffenundjagd@ordnungsamt.bremen.de](mailto:waffenundjagd@ordnungsamt.bremen.de) or you can obtain a paper copy from the competent authority on site.
- Fill out the application form.
- Attach a copy of the required documents to the application.
- Send everything by post or hand in the documents on site after making an appointment. The completed application should be handed in to the responsible office.
- You will receive the decision by post.

## Legal bases

- [Kostenverordnung für die innere Verwaltung \(InKostV\)](#)
- [§ 32 Absatz 6 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)
- [§ 33 Allgemeine Waffengesetz-Verordnung \(AWaffV\)](#)
- [Allgemeine Verwaltungsvorschrift zum Waffengesetz \(WaffVwV\)](#)

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

There is no deadline.

## **How long does it take to process**

4 to 8 weeks.

## **What are the costs?**

The fees may vary and depend on various factors. Further information on fees can be found in the Internal Administration Costs Ordinance. You will find the link under "Legal bases" - "Cost Ordinance for Internal Administration (InKostV)".