

Extend gun license

If your firearms license expires, you must have it renewed.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

You will receive a firearms license for a maximum of 3 years. You can have the firearms license extended twice for a maximum of 3 years.

You can obtain a firearms license to carry weapons that require a permit. A distinction is made between firearms requiring a permit and firearms not requiring a permit. You need a small firearms license to be allowed to carry unlicensed firearms. A list of weapons for which you do not require a permit to acquire and possess can be found in Annex 2 of the Weapons Act.

It is recommended that you inform yourself in detail about the regulations of the Weapons Act before submitting your application.

The firearms license allows you to carry a weapon outside

- your own home,
- your own business premises,
- your own pacified property (e.g. your own garden) and
- a shooting range

If you carry the weapon with you, you must have the firearms license with you and be able to identify yourself with an identity card or passport.

To obtain a firearms license, you must

- be of the appropriate age and provide proof
- Your need,
- your reliability under firearms law,
- your personal suitability,
- your expertise in handling weapons and ammunition,
- liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage up to 1 million euros, and
- the safe storage of weapons and ammunition.

Whether you (continue to) meet the requirements will be checked again at the time of renewal.

If you move to another town or municipality, you do not need to have your firearms license transferred.

If you handle weapons and ammunition without the required firearms license, you could face a fine or imprisonment.

Requirements

- You must have a valid permit for the purchase and possession of a weapon (e.g. gun ownership card).
- You must have a firearms license.
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must prove that it is necessary for you to carry weapons in public (need).
In order to be allowed to carry weapons in public, you must provide the relevant weapons authority with a credible reason. As a rule, a credible reason is recognized if
 - your life is in great danger
 - you can credibly demonstrate other reasons why you wish to carry weapons in public.
- You must prove your reliability under firearms law.
You may be deemed unreliable under firearms law if, among other things
 - you have been sentenced to a prison sentence of at least 1 year within the last 10 years or have been a member of or supported a prohibited organization in the last 10 years.
 - it can be assumed that you misuse weapons or ammunition or handle them improperly, do not store these items carefully or hand them over to persons who are not authorized to do so.
 - you have been in preventive police custody more than once in the last 5 years with judicial authorization due to violence.
 - you have repeatedly or grossly violated the Weapons Act.
- You must prove your personal suitability.
You may be assessed as personally unsuitable if, among other things
 - you are legally incompetent.
 - you are dependent on alcohol or other intoxicating substances, mentally ill or mentally retarded.
 - you suffer from serious illnesses, such as brain injuries, or physical impairments, such as amputations or severe visual impairment.
 - it can be assumed that you do not handle weapons or ammunition carefully or properly or cannot store these items carefully or that there is a concrete danger that you will endanger others or yourself.
- You must have liability insurance that covers personal injury and property damage up to a lump sum of 1 million euros.

What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Weapons possession card and firearms license

- Proof of a need (e.g. proof that you are at risk)
- Proof of liability insurance in the amount of 1 million euros (lump sum for personal injury and property damage)

Procedure

You must have your firearms license renewed at the relevant firearms authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The firearms authority will extend the firearms license 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 or you can obtain a paper copy on site from the relevant authority.
- Complete the application.
- 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

- [§ 4 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)
- [§ 36 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)
- [Kostenverordnung für die innere Verwaltung \(InKostV\)](#)
- [§ 13 Allgemeine Waffengesetz-Verordnung \(AWaffV\)](#)
- [§ 10 Abs. 4 Satz 2 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

None.

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)".