

Apply for a shooting permit

If you want to shoot with a firearm requiring a permit or without a permit, you must always apply for a permit beforehand. Exceptions to this are hunters when hunting and marksmen when shooting at authorized shooting ranges.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

You can apply for a permit for a single shot or a permanent permit.

In general, firearms are objects that are intended for attack or defense, signaling, hunting, distance injection, marking, sport or play and in which projectiles are propelled through a barrel.

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

If possible, you must state in the application where you wish to shoot, e.g. address, district. If you are shooting on behalf of an enclosure operator, you must submit their permit/contract and, if necessary, provide further information about the enclosure operator.

You do not require a permit to shoot with a firearm if you

- want to shoot at a shooting range, for example at your shooting club
- want to shoot as a hunter during authorized hunting or want to shoot animals that are subject to nature conservation law and have a corresponding permit from the nature conservation authority
- want to shoot as a traditional marksman at an event at which it is customary to carry weapons for a special occasion and the head of the traditional marksmen's association has been granted a valid exemption permit in accordance with Section 16 (3) WaffG
- want to shoot with a long gun at shooting ranges at an approved sporting event, for example a biathlon competition
- want to use weapons that can only fire cartridge ammunition during a theater performance or similar or to scare away pest birds
- want to shoot with compressed air, spring-loaded weapons and CO₂ weapons with less than 7.5 joules, which are marked with an "F" sign, with the consent of the holder of the domestic authority in a fenced area, for example for paintball activities

- want to signal the start or beginning of a competition at sporting events with alarm weapons or signal weapons on behalf of the organizers, if such signaling is required
- fire signal weapons during emergency and rescue exercises, if this is part of the exercise

You may be refused a shooting permit if you have not lived in Germany within the last 5 years.

In order to obtain a shooting permit, you must prove the following:

- be of the appropriate age and
- your need,
- your reliability under firearms law,
- your personal suitability,
- liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage up to 1 million euros

If you handle weapons and ammunition without a firearms license, this may constitute a criminal offense.

Requirements

- You must have a valid permit for the purchase and possession of a weapon (e.g. hunting license or gun ownership card).
- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must prove that it is necessary for you to shoot with a weapon (need).

You must provide the relevant firearms authority with a credible reason . As a rule, a credible reason is recognized if you

- want to shoot animals in a (game) enclosure for (game) meat production
- are a fruit or wine grower or run a fish farm and want to drive away (deter) pest birds
- are a veterinarian

You can also specify other requirements, which will then be examined by the competent authority.

- You must prove your reliability under firearms law.

Your reliability is a prerequisite for the issue of a shooting permit. You may be assessed as unreliable under firearms law, among other things,

- if you have been sentenced to a prison term of at least 1 year within the last 10 years and have been a member of or supported a prohibited organization in the last 10 years.
- if 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.
- if you have been in preventive police custody more than once in the last 5 years with judicial authorization due to violence.

- if 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 or hunting license
- Proof of a need
 - For example, assignment from an enclosure operator, activity as a wine/fruit grower
 - Licensed as a veterinarian
- Proof of liability insurance in the amount of 1 million euros (lump sum for personal injury and property damage)

Procedure

You must have permission to shooting from the relevant firearms authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The firearms authority will grant you the permit 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 from the relevant 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

- [§ 4 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)
- [Kostenverordnung für die innere Verwaltung \(InKostV\)](#)
- [§ 10 Absatz 5 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)

- [§ 12 Absatz 4 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)

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)".