

## Freimarkt - Apply for a stand

Places are coveted for participation in Bremen's major folk festivals, the Freimarkt, Osterwiese and Weihnachtsmarkt. Timely registration is required.

### Competent Department

- [5.04 Marktangelegenheiten - Die Senatorin für Wirtschaft, Häfen und Transformation](#)

### Basic information

The open-air market takes place on Bürgerweide, Willy-Brandt-Platz, Bahnhofsvorplatz, Kastanienwäldchen, Grasmarkt and Marktplatz.

Opening hours:

- Bürgerweide:
  - Sunday to Thursday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.
  - Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to midnight
  - market activity is allowed to "wind down" another half hour after the end of each day.
- On the other squares:
  - according to the respective opening hours of the stores

These industries are represented at the Bremen Freimarkt:

- Roller coasters
- Delivery warehouses, sign painters and the like, showmen's supply businesses
- Vending machine and grabber game shops
- bumper cars, go-cart tracks
- amusement and show shops
- stores selling goods for immediate consumption (e.g. snacks of all kinds, ice cream, fish, lard cakes)
- merry-go-rounds, ghost trains
- children's merry-go-rounds, floor merry-go-rounds, children's scooters, ship's swings, looping swings, snaufel, children's ship's swings
- Ferris wheels up to 250 sqm total area
- Ferris wheels over 250 sqm total area
- Railroads
- Shooting stores
- Gambling stores (slot machines, general gambling)
- other pubs with predominantly seated or stand-up pubs
- Toy, pottery and household goods sales
- Vending stores (incl. showman's supplies)
- Raffles
- Tent restaurants over 650 sqm

## Requirements

- The application deadline is November 30 of the previous year

Applications must be submitted via the online portal (link under "Further information" - "Online service" - "Market application") or by post. The application form can be found under "Further information" - "Forms" - "Market application form".

- Late applications will not be considered and will not take part in the remaining space allocation procedure. Applications received by the deadline that were not included in the first selection will be considered for the remaining places.

## What documents do I need?

- Completed application form (printout under Forms)
- Dimensions of the shop (width x depth x height)
- nature of business
- Name and address (Internet address if applicable)
- Connected loads for light and power current
- Photo of the shop (by day and night)
- accurate quote
- Accessories (caravans, supply vehicles including their dimensions)
- for amusement rides: construction plan

## Procedure

The Bremer Freimarkt is a "people's festival" (according to § 60 b of the trade regulations). Therefore, every applicant is basically allowed to participate in the festival. However, the organizer is authorized to exclude individual applicants from participation for objectively justified reasons. This applies in particular if the available space is insufficient.

Due to the limited space, only about a quarter of the annual average of about 1200 applications will be considered for admission. The selection is intended to ensure that the character of the folk festival is preserved and that the expectations of the public are met. Furthermore, the quality and variety of the offer should also be guaranteed. To this end, stores of the highest possible quality are selected from the sectors usually represented at folk festivals.

## Legal bases

- [Rechtsgrundlagen auf der Internetseite für Marktangelegenheiten \(siehe rechte Spalte\)](#)