

Applying for approval for a significant change to an installation requiring approval

If you intend to make significant changes to an installation that requires a permit, you must apply for a permit from the responsible authority.

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft I Referat 23](#)
- [Gewerbeaufsicht des Landes Bremen, Dienstort Bremen](#)
- [Gewerbeaufsicht des Landes Bremen, Dienstort Bremerhaven](#)
- [Landesamt für Bergbau, Energie und Geologie](#)

Basic information

Do you operate an installation that requires a permit under immission control law, for which you already have a permit under immission control law, and are you planning to make significant changes to this installation?

Significant changes are deemed to exist if the change in location, quality or operation could have adverse effects. If these are also significant for the approval requirements for installations requiring approval, approval is required.

A permit is also always required if the modification or expansion of the operation of installations requiring a permit causes the performance limits or the size of the installation to be reached. For this reason, significant changes to installations requiring approval must be reviewed by the immission control authority.

To do this, you must submit an application for a modification permit and submit all the documents required for the assessment. The application can be made in writing or electronically.

However, approval is not required if

- the adverse effects caused by the change are obviously minor and
- compliance with the requirements of the licensing conditions of the Federal Immission Control Act for installations subject to licensing is ensured.

This also applies if an approved installation or parts of an approved installation are to be replaced within the scope of the approval granted.

If the operator is of the opinion that the planned change is not significant, notification of the change to the competent authority is required.

Requirements

The modification permit will be granted if:

- it is ensured that the obligations arising from the provisions of the Federal Immission Control Act and the Federal Immission Control Ordinances are fulfilled and
- other public law regulations and occupational health and safety concerns do not conflict with the construction and operation of the plant.

What documents do I need?

- ELiA forms
 - (Electronic immission control application), available on the website of the Trade Supervisory Authority of the State of Bremen
- Required drawings, plans or expert opinions
- Explanatory notes on the system
- Other documents
 - If necessary, ask the competent authority

Procedure

- You submit the signed documents mentioned to the authority
- You apply for the modification permit from the competent authority.
- You enclose the required documents with the application.
- The competent authority confirms receipt of the documents and informs you which additional documents it needs to assess the requirements.
- The authority involves the public authorities and, if applicable, the public
- You can only start work on your project once you have received approval.

Legal bases

- [§ 16 Bundes-Immissionsschutzgesetz \(BImSchG\)](#)
- [4. Bundesimmissionsschutzverordnung \(4. BImSchV\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

3 to 9 months after the documents are complete.

What are the costs?

The fees depend on the individual case. They are based on the Environmental Administration Cost Ordinance (UmwKostV).