

# **Submit a declaration of compliance in accordance with Section 92 (1) of the Building Energy Act for new buildings**

The Building Energy Act (GEG) sets requirements for the energy performance of buildings. The client or owner of a heated or cooled building must prove that the building meets the requirements of the Building Energy Act.

## **Competent Department**

- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft | Referat 44 | Vollzug des Gebäudeenergiegesetzes](#)

## **Basic information**

When constructing buildings, the client must commission an expert to prepare building-specific documentation (energy calculation documents) on compliance with the requirements of the GEG before construction begins. Proof of compliance with the requirements is provided in the declaration of compliance (Section 92 (1) GEG). The declaration of compliance must be submitted within three months of the building being completed.

## **Requirements**

As the owner or developer, you must confirm that the requirements of the Building Energy Act are met during the construction of the building.

As a building owner, you are obliged under Section 1 (1) of the Ordinance on the Implementation of the Building Energy Act of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (GEGV) to have documentation drawn up on compliance with the requirements of the GEG before construction begins. As a rule, this is the calculation documentation that is created anyway to assess the building's compliance with the requirements of the GEG and for the subsequent creation of the energy certificate. The documentation may only be prepared by persons who are authorized to prepare an energy performance certificate for the building to be constructed in accordance with § 88 GEG (§ 1 Para. 1 GEGV).

You must also submit a declaration of compliance in accordance with the model published by the Senator for the Environment, Climate and Science pursuant to Section 2(1)(2) or (3) GEGV. You can download the template under "Further information" - "Forms" - "Declaration of compliance for new buildings" on this page (on the right-hand side or in mobile view below).

In principle, the declaration of compliance must be issued and signed by an expert in energy-saving construction. Experts for energy-saving construction are tested for their special professional qualifications, approved by the Chamber of Engineers of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and included in a list (see under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?"). - "State-approved experts for energy-saving construction in the state of Bremen") on this page (on the right-hand side or in mobile view below).

In the case of residential buildings in building classes 1 and 2, an expert may be appointed to issue the certificate (Section 3 (3) GEGV). Experts are persons who are authorized to issue building documents for the building to be erected in accordance with Section 65 of the Bremen State Building Regulations (with the exception of interior designers, master craftsmen authorized to issue building documents must also be authorized to issue an energy certificate for the building to be erected), as well as engineers specializing in supply technology (Section 5 GEGV).

The specialist or expert checks the documentation for plausibility, monitors the construction work on a random basis and compares the energy performance certificate with the documentation and the results of the inspection and monitoring activities. If no significant errors in the documentation or significant deviations from the documentation or the requirements of the GEG are found in the construction work, the specialist or expert for energy-saving construction issues the declaration of compliance.

## **What documents do I need?**

- For all procedures:
  - fully completed and signed declaration of compliance,
  - provided that the declarations of compliance have been signed by an expert:
    - Documentation (energy calculation documents),
    - if applicable, a copy of the calculations for the entire building prepared in accordance with § 50 of the Building Energy Act,
    - a copy of the energy certificate (§ 80 GEG)
  - For certain construction projects, further documents may need to be submitted, such as
    - Supplier confirmation (§ 96 Para. 4 GEG)
    - Supplier certificate (§ 96 Para. 6 GEG)
    - If there is a notice of exemption from the requirements of the GEG (§ 102 Para. 1 GEG), please also enclose this with the documents.

# Procedure

## Online

- You can use the online service to submit the declaration in digital form. This eliminates the need to submit additional analog documents. Once you have successfully registered via a user account, you will be guided through the form step by step.
- At the beginning, you have the option of entering the name of the documents. It is recommended that you enter the street name and house number of the building.
- Have the required attachments to your declaration ready for upload. Each attachment must be created as an individual file and submitted in an archivable portable document format. The selected file names must contain information on the file content and the creation date in the format year, month, day (yyyymmdd) for each individual file, whereby the date must be placed in front of the file name.
- After submitting your declaration, you will receive a confirmation of receipt. Communication regarding your declaration with the authority should take place entirely via the online service. You have the option of sending and receiving messages in the online service.

## In writing

- Commission an expert to prepare documentation on compliance with the requirements of the GEG.
- Consult a specialist or expert to prepare the declaration of compliance.
- Send the declaration of compliance drawn up and signed by the qualified person or expert in electronic form (PDF) to the competent body.
- You can find the application under "Further information" - "Forms" - "Declaration of compliance for new buildings".
- Alternatively, you can upload the prepared and signed declaration of compliance in a digital building application procedure on the corresponding page.

## Legal bases

- [§ 92 Gesetz zur Einsparung von Energie und zur Nutzung erneuerbarer Energien zur Wärme- und Kälteerzeugung in Gebäuden \(Gebäudeenergiegesetz – GEG\)](#)
- [Verordnung zur Durchführung des Gebäudeenergiegesetzes \(GEGV\)](#)

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The declaration of fulfillment must be submitted 3 months after completion of the building.

## How long does it take to process

The declaration of fulfillment is only to be submitted and will be checked according to a random sampling procedure.

## What are the costs?

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