

Type approval for playground equipment

Competent Department

- [Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt \(PTB\) - Arbeitsgruppe 8.53 Spielgeräte](#)

Basic information

Gaming devices with the possibility of winning may only be installed if their design has been approved by the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt. The manufacturer of the gaming device must apply for this type approval from the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt. The type approval is limited to 1 year.

Requirements

The requirements for the licensing of gaming devices are regulated in Sections 12, 13 and 14 of the Gaming Ordinance (SpielV). Section 14 SpielV applies to gaming devices, according to which some of the requirements also apply to the licensing of gaming machines.

What documents do I need?

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Procedure

If the type of play equipment is approved, the applicant will receive an approval certificate. The approval certificate contains the name of the play equipment, the name and place of residence of the approval holder, the start and end of the installation period and information on regulations that must be observed when operating the play equipment.

The Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt publishes the approval of a design as well as changes, revocations or withdrawals of approvals on its website.

The approval must be withdrawn or revoked if

- reasons for failure subsequently become known or
- the applicant modifies approved gaming devices with regard to the features specified in the approval certificate.

Legal bases

- [§ 33c Gewerbeordnung \(GewO\)](#)
- [§§ 11ff. Spielverordnung \(SpielV\)](#)

More information

The Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt has published a Technical Guideline on its website. Part 3 of this guideline contains detailed information on the exact procedure, a detailed description of the required documents (Annex 2) and a sample application (Annex 1).

Legal remedy: Not available.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

The processing time from submission of the application to notification depends on the quality of the submitted documents and the type specimen, the need for changes identified during the examination and the number of applications to be processed.

What are the costs?

The fees for admission depend on the processing time:

Hourly rate: EUR 67.00.

Other fees:

For the issue of a registration document including the registration mark and for the exchange: EUR 15.00.

In addition, expenses (e.g. for copies) and expenses incurred as a result of supplementary work requested must be reimbursed.