

Weapons and ammunition - applying for an extension of the carry permit

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Competent Department

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

Basic information

If your permit to temporarily take weapons or ammunition from Germany abroad, to temporarily take them to Germany or to take them through Germany is no longer valid, you must have it extended. You can have your permit extended several times for 1 year at a time.

In order to be allowed to take weapons to Germany, you must prove your need, your reliability under firearms law, your personal suitability and your expertise. If you are a citizen of an EU member state, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland, the European Firearms Pass is sufficient proof. If you are a citizen of a third country, you can provide proof by means of meaningful official documents from your home country with a German translation. If you are a citizen of a third country and are unable to provide information on weapons and ammunition when submitting your application, you must do so upon entry at the latest.

You must always state the reason why you wish to bring weapons and ammunition to Germany temporarily, for example an invitation to hunt, to a shooting competition or to a traditional event.

If you are submitting the application for a shooting team, for example, you can enter the names of all participants on a separate sheet and attach it to the application. The permit will then be issued for all applicants together.

You do not require a permit if you are from an EU member state, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Iceland

- as a hunter up to 3 long guns and the corresponding ammunition,

- as a sport shooter up to 6 firearms and the associated ammunition and
- as a traditional marksman up to 3 single-shot or repeating long guns and the corresponding ammunition

to Germany. However, the weapons you are taking with you must be entered in your European firearms pass. As a citizen of a third country, you do not have to prove that you are of legal age and have the necessary expertise.

You do not need a European firearms pass if you want to take certain weapons from Austria to Bavaria or vice versa as a marksman or traditional marksman.

You also do not need a permit to take weapons and ammunition to Germany if you

- you are taking weapons and ammunition with you for which you have permission to purchase and possess (weapons possession card - WBK),
- are carrying signal weapons and the associated ammunition on board ships for safety reasons or
- carry weapons and ammunition on board a ship or aircraft that are permanently kept under lock and key in Germany. These weapons and ammunition must be reported immediately to the competent authority and must be re-exported from Germany within one month at the latest.

If you wish to take weapons and ammunition from Germany to an EU member state, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Iceland, you require

- a permit to purchase and possess weapons and ammunition (weapons possession card - WBK),
- a European firearms pass in which the weapons you wish to take with you are entered and
- the consent of the country to which you wish to take the weapons and ammunition or credible proof that no permit is required.

You must also ensure the safe transportation of the weapons and ammunition. You can also commission a forwarding agent for this purpose. You should find out about the conditions of the country under which transportation is permitted or not permitted before taking them with you.

Requirements

If you want to have your permit to take weapons and ammunition to Germany extended, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must prove the need as to why you want to take weapons and ammunition with you.
- You must be of legal age.
- You must be reliable in terms of firearms law. This means that any convictions must have been handed down more than 10 years ago and memberships in organizations banned in Germany more than 5 years ago.

- You must be personally suitable. This means that you must be legally competent and not addicted to alcohol or mentally ill.
- You must have sufficient expertise to handle weapons and ammunition.

What documents do I need?

- Identity card or passport (copy)
- Previous entrainment permit
- for transportation to Germany from an EU member state, Switzerland, Liechtenstein or Iceland
 - European firearms pass (copy)
- when bringing to Germany from a third country
 - official documents with German translation as proof of requirements, reliability, personal suitability, expertise
- for transportation from Germany to an EU member state, Switzerland, Liechtenstein or Iceland
 - European firearms pass (copy)
- Weapons possession card (WBK) (copy)
- Consent of the state (if required) or proof that no consent is required

Procedure

You must apply for an extension of the permit to carry firearms or ammunition at the relevant firearms authority. Submit the application together with the required documents.

The weapons authority will grant you the permit if you meet the necessary requirements.

Online application

- Use the online service. You will find the link under "Further information" - Online service".
- The online service guides you through the application step by step.
- You can store the required documents directly in the online service.
- If you want to use the full online functions of the service, you must log in with your Bund-ID user account.
- If you do not yet have a user account, you can register on the registration page.
- If you do not register with your Bund-ID, you will need to make an appointment in person at the firearms authority to have your personal details checked before your application can be processed.
- Once the application has been checked, you will receive the firearms permit and the invoice by post.

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 on site from the relevant office.
- Fill in 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

- [Kostenverordnung für die innere Verwaltung \(InKostV\)](#)
- [§ 32 Waffengesetz \(WaffG\)](#)
- [§ 30 Allgemeine Waffengesetz-Verordnung \(AWaffV\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

4 weeks bis 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)".